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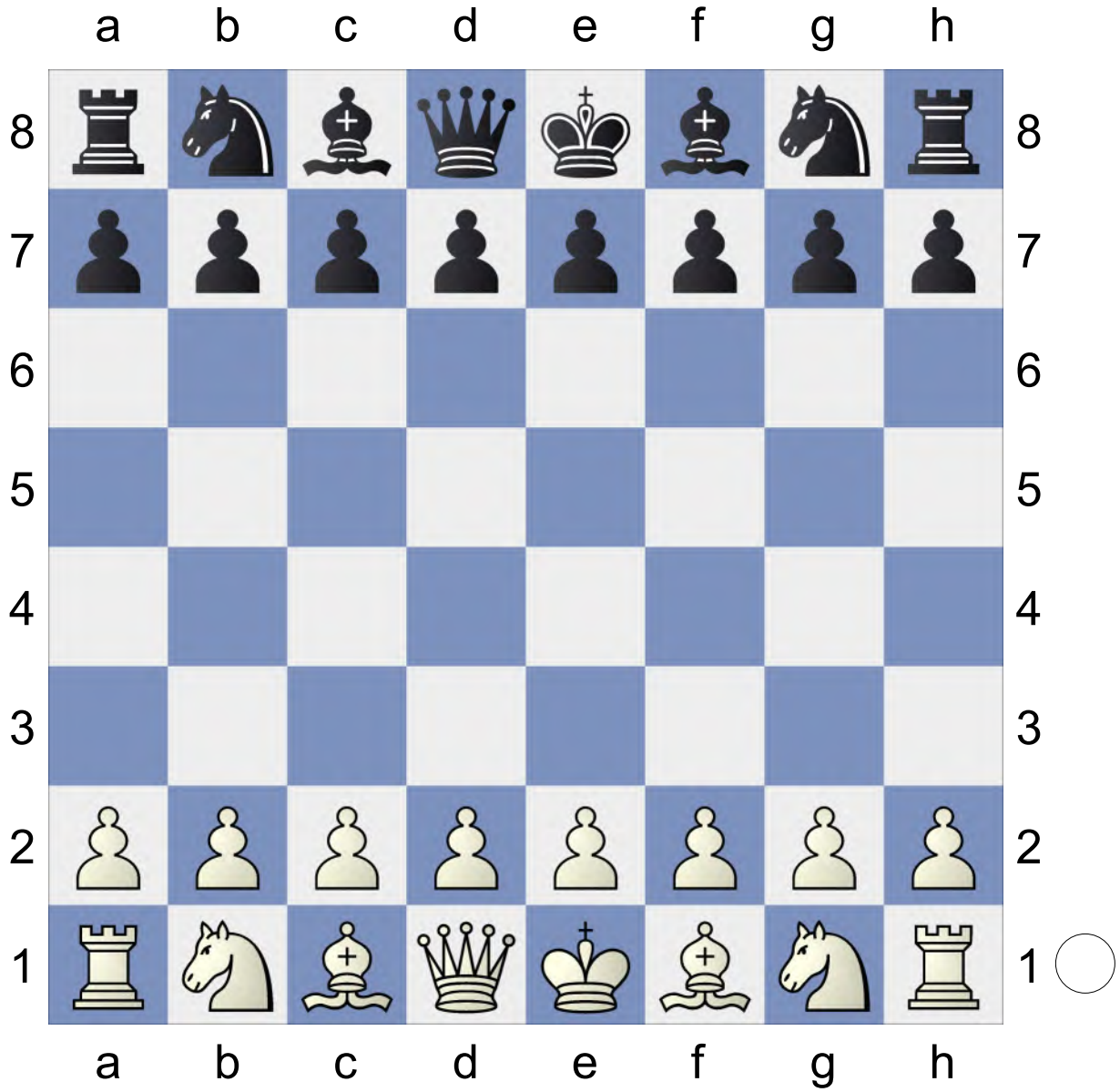
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a3 g6[1]	e4 Bg7[2]	d4 d6	f3[3] Nf6	Be3 c6[4]	Qd2[5] Nbd7	g4!?N[6] h6[7]
2	e4 e5[8]	a3?![9] Nf6[10]	Nc3[11] Nc6[12]	Nf3[13] Be7[14]	d4 exd4[15]	Nxd4 0-0[16]	Nxc6 bxc6[17]



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
3	. . .	a3[18]	b4	Nc3	Nf3	bxc5	Bb5+[24]	
	c5	d6[19]	b6[20]	Bb7[21]	Nf6[22]	dxc5[23]	Nbd7[25]	
4	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Bc4[26]	Nd5[27]	Nxf6+	
	. . .	. . .	. . .	e5	Nf6	Bb7[28]	Qxf6[29]	
5	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nc3	bxc5[31]	cxd6	Nxe4[32]	
	. . .	. . .	Nf6	g6[30]	Bg7	Nxe4	Bxa1[33]	
6	. . .	. . .	e5	Nc3[35]	dxc3	Nf3	exd6	
	. . .	Nf6	Nd5[34]	Nxc3[36]	Nc6[37]	d5[38]	Qxd6[39]	±
7	. . .	. . .	. . .	c4	b4	Bb2	exd6	
	. . .	. . .	. . .	Nb6[40]	d6	Nc6	Qxd6[41]	
8	. . .	. . .	exd5	Nc3	Nf3	Bc4!?N[45]	b4	
	. . .	d5	Qxd5[42]	Qd8[43]	Nc6[44]	Nf6	e6[46]	∓
9	. . .	. . .	b4[47]	exd5[49]	Bb2!N[51]	Nf3	Bb5	
	. . .	e6	d5[48]	exd5[50]	d4!?[52]	Nc6[53]	Qe7+[54]	±
10	. . .	. . .	. . .	axb4[55]	Bb2[57]	e5	c4[60]	
	. . .	. . .	cxb4	Bxb4[56]	Nf6[58]	Nd5[59]	Ne7[61]	
11	. . .	. . .	h4N[62]	exd5	Nc3	Be2	Nf3	
	. . .	g6	d5[63]	Qxd5	Qe6+	Nc6	Bg7[64]	-+
12	. . .	. . .	b4	Nc3[66]	Rb1[68]	Bc4	Nge2	
	. . .	. . .	Bg7[65]	d6[67]	Nc6↑[69]	Nf6[70]	0-0[71]	∞
13	. . .	. . .	. . .	c3?	exd5[72]	Nf3	Be2	
	. . .	. . .	. . .	d5∓	Qxd5	Nf6[73]	0-0[74]	∓
14	. . .	. . .	Nf3	Nc3[75]	Bc4	0-0	h3	
	. . .	. . .	Bg7	Nc6	d6	Nf6	0-0[76]	
15	. . .	. . .	b4[77]	b5[79]	c3[81]	Bc4[82]	d3	
	. . .	Nc6	e5[78]	Nd4[80]	Ne6	Nf6[83]	d5[84]	
16	. . .	. . .	. . .	axb4	d4[86]	c3	exd5[89]	
	. . .	. . .	cxb4	Nxb4[85]	d5[87]	Nc6[88]	Qxd5[90]	

[1] **1...d5** 2.d4!? Nf6 3.Nf3 e6
1...e6 Fritz 5.00 (5s): 'Opening = A00_01 Unregelmässige Eröff / Irregular Openings' 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Bd3 0-0
[6...Qe7+ 7.Qe2=]
7.0-0 Bg4 8.Be3
[8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Bg5 Nxd4 Khalifman,A: '!' 10.Bxh7+ Kxh7 11.Qxd4 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Be7 13.Rae1 c6 Khalifman,A: '∓']
[8.Bg5 Khalifman,A: '!?']
8...Nbd7 9.Nbd2 Re8
[9...c6 10.c3 Qc7 11.Qc2 Rfe8 12.Rae1 Bh5 13.Bg5 Bg6 14.Bh4 Khalifman,A: '=']
10.c3 c6 11.Qc2 Qc7 12.Rae1 h6
[12...Bh5 13.Bg5 Bg6 14.Bf5 a5 15.a4 b5 Khalifman,A: '!?' *(15...Bxf5 16.Qxf5* Khalifman,A: '=' *)* 16.axb5 cxb5 Khalifman,A: '∞']
13.h3 Be6 14.Bf5 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '∓' Khalifman,A: '?'
[14.Nh4 Nf8 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.Bxf5 Re7 17.Nf3 Rae8 18.Bd2 Ne4 Khalifman,A: '∓']
[14.Nh4 Nf8 15.Ndf3 Ne4 Khalifman,A: '∓']
[14.Nh4 Nf8 15.f4 Nh5 Khalifman,A: '∓']
[14.Nh4 Nf8 15.Qd1 a5 Khalifman,A: '∞']
[14.Nh4 Nf8 15.Nhf3 Khalifman,A: '! 'with the idea' Ne5= ! 'with the idea' Ne5=']
[14.Re2 Re7=]
14...b6 Khalifman,A: '?!'
[14...Bxf5 Khalifman,A: '!?' 15.Qxf5 b5 16.Nb3 a5 17.Nc5 a4 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Qxd7 Nxd7 Khalifman,A: '∓']
15.Re2
[15.Bd3 Khalifman,A: '!?' c5 16.c4 Khalifman,A: '=']
[15.Bd3 Rad8 16.c4 Khalifman,A: '=']
15...Bxf5 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '=' Khalifman,A: '∓'
[15...Ne4 16.Bxe6 Rxe6 17.Nxe4 Rxe4 18.Rfe1=]
16.Qxf5 g6
[16...Re6 17.Rfe1 Rae8 18.Nf1 a5 Khalifman,A: '∓']
[16...c5 Khalifman,A: '!?' 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Rfe1 a5 Khalifman,A: '∓']
17.Qd3 Kg7 18.Rfe1 Re6 19.Nh4 Ne4 20.Nf1
[20.f3 Khalifman,A: '?' Bh2+ *(20...Bg3* Khalifman,A: '?' *21.fxe4 Bxh4 22.Rf1* Khalifman,A: '±' *)* 21.Kh1 Ng3+ 22.Kxh2 Nxe2+ 23.Kh1 Nf4 Khalifman,A: '-+']
[20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Qd2 Rh8 Khalifman,A: "with the idea' Be7' 22.g3 Khalifman,A: '∓']
20...Nf8
[20...Rh8 Khalifman,A: '!?' 21.c4 Nef6 22.Rc1 Rhe8 23.g3 dxc4 24.Qxc4 Nb8 Khalifman,A: '∓']
[20...Rh8 21.c4 Nef6 22.Rc1 h5 Khalifman,A: '∓']
21.g3

[21.Qc2 Khalifman,A: '!?' Rae8 22.Qc1 g5 23.Nf5+ Kg6 24.g4 Kh7 25.h4 Khalifman,A: '∞']
21...Rae8 22.Ng2
[22.Qa6 Nh7 23.Kg2 f5 24.a4 Nhg5 25.Bxg5 hxg5 Khalifman,A: '∓']
22...R6e7 23.Bf4 Ne6 24.Bxd6 Qxd6 25.h4 f5 Khalifman,A: '?!'
[25...a5 Khalifman,A: '∓']
26.h5 Khalifman,A: '!' 26...gxh5
[26...g5 Khalifman,A: '?' 27.f3 Khalifman,A: '±']
[26...N6g5 27.hxg6 Nh3+ *(27...Nxf2 28.Rxe7+ Rxe7 29.Rxe7+ Qxe7 30.Qxf5* Khalifman,A: '±' *)* 28.Kh2 Nhxf2 29.Qf3 Ng4+ 30.Kg1 Ng5 31.Rxe7+ Rxe7 32.Rxe7+ Qxe7 33.Qxf5 Nh3+ 34.Kh1 Nhf2+]
[26...N6g5 27.Nf4 Khalifman,A: '±' Khalifman,A: '!']
27.Nh4 Khalifman,A: '!'
[27.Nfe3 Khalifman,A: '?!' Rf7 28.Nh4 Ref8 29.Neg2 Rf6 *(29...f4* Khalifman,A: '!?' *30.f3 N6g5 31.fxe4 dxe4 32.Rxe4 fxg3* Khalifman,A: '∓' *)* 30.Qa6 f4 Khalifman,A: '∓']
[27.Nfe3 Rf7 28.Nh4 Ref8 29.Nf1 N6g5 Khalifman,A: '∓']
27...Kf6
[27...Rf7 Khalifman,A: '?' 28.f3]
28.Qf3 Khalifman,A: '?'
[28.Ne3 Ng7 29.Neg2 Ng5 30.Nf4 Rxe2 31.Rxe2 Re4 32.Rxe4 fxe4 33.Qe2 Khalifman,A: '=']
[28.f3 Khalifman,A: '!' Nxg3 29.Re5 Nf4 30.Qd2 Nge2+ 31.R1xe2 Nxe2+ 32.Rxe2 Kf7 *(32...Rxe2 33.Qxh6+* Khalifman,A: '+-'*; 32...Rg8+ 33.Rg2 Rg5 34.Ng3* Khalifman,A: '+-' *)* 33.Rxe7+ Rxe7 34.Kf2 Khalifman,A: '±']
[28.f3 Nxg3 29.Re5 Nf4 30.Qd2 Nge2+ 31.R1xe2 Nxe2+ 32.Rxe2 Kf7 33.Rg2 Khalifman,A: '→' Khalifman,A: '!']
28...Ng7 29.Ne3 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '∓' Fritz 5.00 (5s): 'Increasing the pressure on the isolated pawn on f5' Khalifman,A: '?'
[29.Qe3 Khalifman,A: '!' Ng5 30.Qxe7+ Rxe7 31.Rxe7 Khalifman,A: '∓']
[29.Qd3!?∓]
29...Ng5 Khalifman,A: '∓' 30.Qg2 f4 31.gxf4 Qxf4 32.Qg3 Re4 33.Qxf4+ Rxf4
34.Neg2 Rxe2 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '∓' 35.Rxe2 Rg4 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '∓'
[35...Re4 36.Rxe4 Nxe4 37.Ne3∓]
36.f3 Rg3 37.Kf2 Nf5 38.Nxf5 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '-+' Khalifman,A: '?'
[38.Re5 Khalifman,A: '!?' Nh3+ 39.Ke2 *(39.Kf1* Khalifman,A: '?' *Nxh4 40.Nxh4 Rg5 41.Re8 Rg1+ 42.Ke2 Kg5)* 39...Rg5 40.Re8 Nxh4 41.Nxh4 Rg1 42.Re5 Rb1 Khalifman,A: '∓']
[⩲38.Nf4!? Rh3 39.Nxh5+ Kf7 40.Nxf5 Rxf3+ 41.Kg2 Rxf5 42.Ng3∓]
38...Rxf3+ Fritz 5.00 (5s): '!' Khalifman,A: '-+' 39.Kg1 Rxf5
[39...Kxf5 40.Nh4+ Kg4 41.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 42.Kh1±]
40.Re8 Nf3+
[40...Kf7 41.Rc8 Nf3+ Khalifman,A: '-+']

41.Kh1 Kf7 42.Rc8 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '-+??'
[42.Re3 h4 Khalifman,A: '-+']
[42.Ra8 Rg5 43.Rxa7+ Kf6 44.Ra8 Rg3 Khalifman,A: '-+']
[42.Rh8 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '⩲' Rg5 43.Rh7+ Kg8 44.Rxh6 Kg7 45.Rxc6 h4 Khalifman,A: '-+']
42...h4
[42...Rg5 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '⩱' 43.Rc7+ Ke8 44.Rc8+ Kd7 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '-+' 45.Rf8 Rg3 46.Rf7+ Ke6 47.Rxf3 Rxf3 Khalifman,A: '-+']
43.Rc7+ Kf8 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '∓'
[43...Ke8 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '⩱' 44.Rg7 *(44.Rxc6 Rg5-+)* 44...Rg5 Khalifman,A: '-+']
44.Rxc6 Ke7 45.Rxh6 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '-+??'
[45.Rg6 Kf7 46.Rg4 h5 47.Rf4 Ke6 48.Rxf5 Kxf5 49.Ne3+ Ke4 50.Nd1 Kd3 51.Kg2 Ng5 52.a4 h3+ Khalifman,A: '-+']
[⩱45.Rc7+ Kd8 46.Rg7∓ *(46.Rxa7? h3 47.Rg7 hxg2+ 48.Kxg2 Nd2-+)*]
45...Rg5 46.a4 Rg3 Fritz 5.00 (5s): 'Threatening mate... how?' 47.Rh7+ Kf8 48.Rh5
[48.Rxh4 Nxh4 49.Nxh4 Rh3+ 50.Kg2 Rxh4 51.Kg3-+]
48...Rh3# 0-1 (48) Hessler,M-Sierra Vallina,L Belfort 1892 CBM 055 ext [Blum,A FS 92:85]

1...c5 2.g3
[2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.c3 0-0 8.Nbd2 b6 9.Re1 Bb7 10.Bf1 Qc7 11.Qe2 d6 12.Qe3 d5 13.e5 Nf5 14.Qe2 f6 15.g4 Nfe7 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.g5 Rf7 18.Bh3 Nf5 19.Qxe6 Kh8 20.Qe2 Raf8 21.Bg2 a5 22.Nf1 b5 23.Ng3 Bc8 24.Nf1 Qd6 25.Bd2 a4 26.h3 d4 27.c4 bxc4 28.dxc4 Ba6 29.Qd3 Nfe7 30.N1h2 Nd5 31.Ng4 Nf4 32.Bxf4 Rxf4 33.Nd2 Ne5 34.Nxe5 Bxe5 35.Ne4 Qb6 36.Rab1 Bb7 Schmidt Schaeffer,S-Beikert,G/ Waldshut MA 1991/GER 04/1-0 (62)]
2...g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d3 d6 5.Nd2 Nc6 6.e3 e5 7.Rb1 a5 8.b3 Nge7 9.Ne2 0-0 10.0-0 Be6 11.h3 Qd7 12.Kh2 f5 13.c4 g5 14.f4 g4 15.h4 Rad8 16.Qc2 Piepjohn,R-Sax,B/Naestved op 1988/TD 88\05/1-0 (32)

1...f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.d4 Kh8 8.0-0 c6 9.Qc2 Qc7 10.Bf4 Nh5 11.d5 Nxf4 12.gxf4 e5 13.dxe6 Bxe6 14.b3 Nd7 15.Rad1 Nf6 16.e3 Rad8 17.Ne2 Bg8 18.Rd3 Rde8 19.Rfd1 Ne4 20.Ng5 Nc5 21.R3d2 h6 22.Nf3 Ne4 23.Rd3 Nc5 24.R3d2 Ne4 25.Rd3 ½-½ Eitel,H-Friedrich, W/Bayern-chB 1991/TD 91\04

² **2...e5** 3.d4 exd4 4.Nf3 c5 5.Bc4 Nc6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Ng5 Nh6 8.f4 d6 9.h3 Qe7 10.Nf3 Be6 11.Bd5 Nd8 Black's extra P seems a good equivalent for his cramped position. 12.c4 0-0 13.Nbd2 Bxd5 14.cxd5 f6 15.Nh2? A bad move, as the reply proves. 15...f5 16.Re1 Qd7 17.Ndf3? This does not improve matters. White loses a second P, and the game should follow. 17...fxe4 18.Rxe4 Qf5 19.Qe1 Qxd5 20.Re8 Nc6 21.Qe6+ Qxe6 22.Rxe6 Rad8 23.Bd2

d5 24.Rae1 Nf5 25.Ng4 d3 26.Bc3 Foreseeing the reply, but meaning to prevent the black B or Kt occupying the square. 26...d4 27.Bd2 c4 28.Rxc6!? Black's centre pawns are so strong that it is doubtful if White has anything better than this sacrifice, which, at all events, delays the end. 28...bxc6 29.Nge5 c5 30.Nxc4 Ne3 This loooks like losing another P, but will, I think, be found sound. 31.Nfe5 Rxf4 32.Nxd3 Rf5 33.b3 Rb8 34.Nxe3 Bad. But has he any good move at this stage? 34...dxe3 35.Bxe3 Rxb3 0-1 (35) Grantham,H-Monck,W corr 1902 UltraCorrX [Monck, Kingstown Society April 1903 p11]

[35...Rxb3 White resigns

A) 36.Bxc5 Rxc5 *(36...Rxd3)* 37.Nxc5 Bd4+;

B) 36.Nf2 Rxa3;

C) 36.Nxc5 Rxe3 37.Rxe3 Bd4]

[3] **4.Be3** c5!? 5.c3 Qb6 6.b4 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.Nd2?!

[9.Bd3]

9...d5! 10.e5 Ne8 11.f4 f6 12.Qb3 Be6 13.Ngf3 Nc6 14.Be2 Nc7 15.Rc1 Rac8 16.0-0 a6 17.Rc3 Bf7 18.Rfc1 Ne6 19.Kh1 Bh6 20.g3 Rcd8 21.exf6 exf6 22.b5 axb5 23.Qxb5 Qxb5 24.Bxb5 Be8 25.Bf1 f5 26.Bg2 Rf7 27.Nb3 Bf8 28.Na1 Bg7 29.Nc2 Re7 30.Ne5 Nxe5 31.fxe5 Bb5 32.Ne1 Red7 33.Rb3 Bc4 34.Rb6 Re8 35.a4 h6 36.Rc3 Kf7 37.Nc2 Bf8 38.a5 Ba6 39.Kg1 Be7 40.Nb4 Bd8 41.Bxd5 Bxb6 42.axb6 Ke7 43.Ra3 Red8?!

[43...Ra8]

44.Rxa6 Rxd5?!

[44...bxa6]

45.Nxd5+ Rxd5 46.Ra7 Nd8 47.Bxh6 Rxd4 48.Bg5+ Ke6 49.Bxd8 Rxd8 50.Rxb7 Kxe5 51.Re7+ Kf6 52.Re1 Rb8 53.Rb1 g5 54.b7 g4 55.Kf2 1-0 (55) Krecak,Z (2297)-Troffiguer,O (2404) ICCF Email 1998 [Krecak]

[4] **5...0-0** 6.Qd2

[6.Nc3 d5 7.e5 Ne8 8.f4 f6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Be2 e6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 c6 14.Qd2 Nc7 15.Ne2 fxe5 16.fxe5 c5 17.Bg5 Qe8 18.c3 Nb6 19.b3 c4 20.b4 Qd7 21.h4 a5 22.h5 axb4 23.axb4 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 gxh5 25.Nf4 Qf7 26.Nxh5 Qg6 27.Nxg7 Kxg7 28.Bd1 Ra8 29.Rxa8 Nbxa8 30.Bc2 1-0 Krecak,Z-Sonzogno,A/corr ICCF 2000/]

6...e5

[6...b6 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.0-0-0 Nbd7 9.g4 e5 10.d5 a6 11.h4 h5 12.Bg5 Qe8 13.Bh3 Bc8 14.Nge2 Rb8 15.Ng3 hxg4 16.fxg4 b5 17.h5 b4 18.axb4 Rxb4 19.Rdf1 Nh7 20.Be3 Nb6 21.b3 a5 22.g5 Bxh3 23.Rxh3 a4 24.Nxa4 Rxa4 25.bxa4 Qxa4 26.Qc3 Nc4 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.Rxf8+ Bxf8 29.Kd1 Nxe3+ 30.Qxe3 Qa1+ 31.Ke2 Qa4 32.Qb3 Qd7 33.Nf1 Nxg5 34.Rh4 Be7 35.Ne3 Nf7 36.Rh1 Bg5 37.Rg1 Kg7 38.Ng4 Qe7 39.Nf2 Bh4 40.Qf3 Bxf2 41.Qxf2 Nh6 42.Qg3 Qe8 43.Qb3 Ng8 44.Qc4 Qf7 45.Rb1 c5 46.Qb5 Nh6 47.Rf1 Qe7 48.Qb3 Qd7 49.Qf3 Qg4 50.Kd3 Qxf3+ 51.Rxf3 Ng4 52.Rf1 Nf6 53.Ra1

Kf8 54.Re1 Kg7 55.Kc4 Kf7 56.Kb5 Ke7 57.Kc6 g5 58.Rg1 Nxe4 59.Rg4 Nf2 60.Rxg5 c4 61.Rh5 Ne4 62.Rh4 Ng5 63.Rxc4 e4 64.Ra4 Kf6 65.Kxd6 1-0 Krecak,Z-Kiupel,S/corr ICCF 1998/]

[6...Nc6 7.Ne2 a6 8.g4 e5 9.d5 Ne7 1st etl Black 10.Ng3 b5 11.h4 c6 12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.g5 Ne8 14.h5 Nd4 15.Bxd4 exd4 16.f4 f5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.exf5 Qe7+ 19.Kd1 Bxf5?! *(19...gxf5)* 20.Nxf5 gxf5?! *(20...Rxf5)* 21.Bg2 1-0 (21) Krecak,Z-Kroencke,M corr ICCF 1997]

7.d5 c6 8.Nc3 cxd5 9.exd5 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 a6 11.g4 b5 12.h4 Bb7 13.Bh6 b4 14.axb4 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 a5 16.b5 a4 17.Nb1 a3 18.bxa3 Qb6 19.h5 Rfc8 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Ne2 Qc5 22.Nec3 Nf8 23.Qd2 Rxa3 24.g5 Ra1 25.Kb2 Rca8 26.Rh4 N6d7 27.Qd3 Qa7 28.Qe4 Nc5 29.Qb4 Bc8 30.b6 Qb8 31.Rd2 Bf5 32.Rdh2 Qd8 33.b7 Nxb7 34.Qxb7 Rxb1+ 35.Kxb1 Rb8 36.Qxb8 Qxb8+ 37.Nb5 Qb6 38.Kb2 Qc5 39.Nc3 Qg1 40.Bd3 Bxd3 41.cxd3 Qxg5 42.Rc4 Qg1 43.Rd2 Nd7 44.Ne4 Nb6 45.Rc7 Qd4+ 46.Kb1 Nxd5 47.Rb7 Nb4 48.Nf6+ Kf8 49.Nxh7+ Ke8 50.Rd1 e4 51.fxe4 Na6 52.e5 Nc5 53.Rb8+ Ke7 54.exd6+ Qxd6 55.Re1+ Kd7 56.Nf8+ Kc6 57.Ree8 Qxd3+ 58.Kc1 Qf1+ 59.Kd2 Qf2+ 60.Kd1 g5 61.Ng6 Qf1+ 62.Kd2 Qd3+ 63.Kc1 Qxg6 64.Rec8+ Kd5 65.Rb5 g4 66.Rcxc5+ Ke4 67.Rg5 Qc6+ 68.Rbc5 Qe6 ½-½ Krecak,D-Craciuneanu,V/corr ICCF 2009/

[5] **6.Nc3** 0-0

[6...b5 7.Qd2 *(7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Nge2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Rfe1 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Ng3 Rfd8 15.Bf1 Qc7 16.Qf2 Nfd7 17.Rd2 c5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Nb6 20.Rdd1 Nec4 21.Bxc4 Nxc4 22.c3 a5 23.Kh1 Rab8 24.Qe2 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Rd5 bxc3 28.bxc3 Rb3 29.Ne2 Qb6 30.Red1 Rb1 31.Qd3 Rxd1+ 32.Qxd1 Qb2 33.Rxc5 Ra8 34.Qxd6 Qxe2 35.h3 Bf8 36.Qd5 Ra1+ 37.Kh2 Ra2* 0-1 Rissanen,H-Karjalainen,P/Tampere FIN 1988/ *)* 7...Nbd7 8.Nge2 Bb7 9.g4 Nb6 10.Ng3 h5 11.g5 Nfd7 12.h4 Nc4 13.Bxc4 bxc4 14.0-0 f6 15.f4 fxg5 16.fxg5 e6 17.Qe2 d5 18.Rae1 Qb6 19.exd5 cxd5 20.Bf2 Ke7 21.Qe3 Rae8 22.Nge2 Qc6 23.Nf4 Nf8 24.Bg3 Kd8 25.b4 Rh7 26.b5 Qb6 27.Rd1 Krecak: '?!' *(27.Ncxd5±)* 27...Bh8 28.Nfe2 Krecak: '?' *(28.Ng2)* 28...Nd7 29.a4 e5 30.Bf2 Qe6 31.dxe5 Bxe5 32.Qf3 Rf8 33.Qg2 Kc8 34.Nxd5 Rhf7 35.a5 Rf3 36.Nd4 Bxd4 37.Rxd4 Bxd5 38.Rfd1 Be4 39.Re1 Nc5 40.Bg3 Qg4 0-1 Krecak,Z-Chmelik,J/corr CRO 1997/]

7.Bc4

[7.Qd2 Josef Mrkvicka: 'This line may not be an optimal choice for White. We transposed into a Pirc line where White usually castles long and launches a pawn attack on the kingside. Here, the move a3 is not only a loss of tempo but also a weakening of the queenside.' b5 8.g4 Josef Mrkvicka: 'N' *(8.h4 h5 9.Nh3 Qc7 10.Nf2 a6 11.Bh6 e5 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.0-0-0 a5 14.g4 b4 15.Ne2 bxa3 16.bxa3 Nbd7 17.Ng3 Rh8 18.Qg5 Nf8 19.Be2 Rb8 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Nd3 Qe7 22.Nxh5+ Rxh5 23.gxh5 Qxa3+ 24.Kd2 Rb5 25.h6+* 1-0 Giurumia,S-

Vajda,S/Odorheiu Secuiesc 1993/TD (25) *)* 8...Nbd7 9.h4 Josef Mrkvicka: 'Unflinchingly, White launches his planned pawn attack, but it might be more prudent to complete the development first, for example Nge2, Ng3 and then h4.' h5 10.Be2 *(10.gxh5 Nxh5 11.Bd3 a5±; 10.g5 Ne8=)* 10...Bb7 11.Nh3 a5 Josef Mrkvicka: 'The defects of the move a3 become obvious. White can hardly castle long and is condemned to play the game with his king placed in the centre of the board.' 12.Nf2 b4 13.Ncd1 Josef Mrkvicka: 'Black would surely appreciate the opening of the a-line.' c5

A) 14.gxh5 Nxh5 15.dxc5 *(15.d5 Ng3∓)* 15...dxc5 16.Rg1 with an approximately level game.;

B) 14.d5 Josef Mrkvicka: 'If White had anticipated his future problems with this pawn, he would surely have played' 14...Qb6 15.Rg1 Josef Mrkvicka: 'Now White threatens very seriously to exchange on h5 and to push forward the f-pawn. Black must react accordingly.' hxg4 16.fxg4 e6 Josef Mrkvicka: '!' Josef Mrkvicka: 'The first challenge for the pawn d5.' 17.g5 *(17.dxe6 fxe6* would open both long diagonals for the black bishops and the pawn e4 would become very weak. *)* 17...Ne8 18.h5 exd5 Josef Mrkvicka: '!' Josef Mrkvicka: 'Black doesn't panic and assesses correctly that the possible opening of the h-line after 19.hxg6 fxg6 brings nothing to White.' 19.h6 Josef Mrkvicka: '?' Josef Mrkvicka: 'Of course, this is a big positional blunder which stops all White activities on the kingside. As Black clearly dominates over the other board segments, I dare suggest that this move predestines the result of the whole game. At least, at this moment I started believing that I could win the game.' *(*It was not better *19.hxg6 fxg6 20.axb4 axb4 21.Rxa8 Bxa8 22.Bg4 Ne5! 23.Be6+ Rf7 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7-+;* However, White should play *19.exd5 Nc7 20.Ng4!* and keep alive his attacking chances, for example *Bxd5 21.Nf6+ Nxf6 22.gxf6 Bxf6 23.hxg6 Bg7∞)* 19...Bh8 20.exd5 Nc7 21.c4 Josef Mrkvicka: 'There is no other possibility to cover the pawn d5. However, the b-line becomes open for the black rook and the strength of the bishop h8 increases frighteningly. ' bxc3 22.Nxc3 Rae8 Josef Mrkvicka: 'Black just starts "minitoring" the white king.' 23.Nfe4 Re7 Josef Mrkvicka: '?!' Josef Mrkvicka: 'Diagram #' *(*A careless move giving White new chances to get back into the game. *23...Kh7* was better. *)* 24.Bg4 Josef Mrkvicka: '?' *(*White throws away his last chance. After *24.h7+!? Kxh7 25.Rh1+ Kg8 26.Bf4!? Rxe4 27.Nxe4 Nxd5* the outcome of the game would not be clear. *)* 24...Kh7 Josef Mrkvicka: '!' Josef Mrkvicka: 'A comfortable hiding place for the black king. The rest of the game will occur in the centre and on the queenside.' 25.Bxd7 Rxd7 26.Rd1 Qb3 Josef Mrkvicka: '!' Josef Mrkvicka: 'White cannot save the pawn d5 and becomes no compensation at all.' 27.Nf6+ Bxf6 28.gxf6 Nxd5 Josef Mrkvicka: '∓' 29.Nxd5 Bxd5 30.Rg3 Bc6 Josef Mrkvicka: 'White's position is hopeless. The pawn f6 is condemned to death, the pawn h6 provides a reliable shield for the black king, while his white colleague has no escape.' 31.Qc3 *(31.Qxa5? Qxb2 32.Qd2 Qxf6-+)* 31...Qe6 32.Rc1 Josef Mrkvicka: 'Diagram #' *(32.b4∓*

was slightly better. *)* 32...Re8 Josef Mrkvicka: '!' Josef Mrkvicka: 'With a horrible threat 32. ...Rb7.' 33.b4 *(33.Qd2-+)* 33...Rb7 34.Qc4 Qe5 0-1 Krecak,Z-Mrkvicka,J/corr ICCF 1999/ Josef Mrkvicka: '-+!' 35.Kf2 axb4-+ *(35...Qxf6+?! 36.Qf4 Re6 37.b5 Rxb5 38.Kg1-+)*]

7...d5 8.Be2 dxe4 9.fxe4 Qa5 10.b4 Qc7 11.e5 Nd5 12.Qd2 a5 13.b5 Nd7 14.bxc6 bxc6 15.Bf3 N7b6 16.Be2 Nxc3 17.Qxc3 Nd5 18.Qd2 c5 19.c3 Ba6 20.Bxa6 Rxa6 21.Nf3 Rc6 22.0-0 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 cxd4 24.cxd4 Rc3 25.Rac1 Rc8 26.Rxc3 Qxc3 27.Qf4 f6 28.Qe4 Rd8 29.Re1 Qxa3 30.d5 Qc5+ 31.Kh1 Qxd5 32.Qc2 fxe5 33.Ng5 Bf6 34.Ne4 Kg7 35.h3 Rd7 36.Nc5 Rd6 37.Ne4 Rc6 38.Qf2 Qd4 39.Qa2 a4 40.Nd2 Rd6 41.Nf3 Qb4 42.Rb1 Qf4 43.Rf1 e4 44.Nh2 Qg3 45.Qxa4 Be5 46.Ng4 Qd3 47.Re1 Bg3 48.Rc1 h5 49.Qa1+ Qd4 50.Ne3 Qxa1 51.Rxa1 Rd3 52.Nf1 Bf2 53.Ra2 e3 54.Kh2 Rd1 55.Ng3 Rd2 56.Ra7 e2 0-1 Balo,T-Radics,L/Hungary HUN 2009/

[6] **7.Nc3** 0-0

[7...Qc7 8.0-0-0 Nb6 9.g4 Be6 10.b3 a5 11.a4 h5 12.g5 Nfd7 13.Bd3 Nb8 14.f4 Na6 15.Nge2 Nb4 16.Rhf1 Bh3 17.Rf2 d5 18.Re1 0-0-0 19.e5 Nxd3+ 20.Qxd3 Bf5 21.Qd2 Nd7 22.Kb2 f6 23.Ng3 Bg4 24.h4 f5 25.Nge2 e6 26.Nc1 Bf8 27.Nd3 b6 28.Rc1 Nb8 29.Nb1 Na6 30.Ka1 Kd7 31.c4 Bb4 32.Qb2 Qb7 33.Bd2 Bxd2 34.Nxd2 Ke7 35.b4 axb4 1-0 Pervushov,M-Abubekerov,O/Dagomys U18 RUS 2004/]

8.g4

[8.Bh6 c5 9.d5 a6 10.h4 b5 11.h5 Ne5 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.Qh6+ Kg8 15.g4 Rf7 16.Qe3 Qa5 17.Qc1 Rb8 18.Be2 e6 19.dxe6 Bxe6 20.Nh3 Bc4 21.Ng5 Re7 22.Qd2 d5 23.f4 d4 24.b4 Qc7 25.fxe5 Qxe5 26.Bxc4+ bxc4 27.Ne2 d3 28.Nc3 Qg3+ 29.Kd1 Nxg4 30.Kc1 Nf2 31.Rf1 Rf8 32.Kb2 dxc2 33.Kxc2 cxb4 34.axb4 Re5 35.Rg1 Qd3+ 36.Qxd3 cxd3+ 37.Kd2 h6 38.Rxa6 Rxg5 39.Rxg5 hxg5 40.Rxg6+ Kf7 41.Rxg5 Ke6 42.Ke3 Rc8 43.Rc5 Rf8 44.b5 Kd6 45.Rd5+ Ke6 46.b6 d2 47.Rxd2 Ng4+ 48.Kd4 Ne5 49.Rb2 Rf3 50.Na4 Rd3+ 51.Kc5 Ra3 52.Kb5 Kd7 53.Nc5+ Kc8 54.Rg2 1-0 Monroy Carrizo,J-Sustach,M/La Paz BOL 2000/]

8...Qa5 9.Nge2 e5 10.Ng3 d5 11.g5 Ne8 12.exd5 cxd5 13.b4 Qd8 14.Nxd5 exd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Nb6 17.Nf6+ Nxf6 18.Qxf6 Re8+ 19.Ne4 Qxf6 20.gxf6 Bf5 21.Bd3 Rac8 22.0-0 Nc4 23.Rae1 Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Ne5 25.Be2 Kf8 26.f4 Nc6 27.Bg4 Rxe4 28.Bxc8 b6 29.c3 Ke8 30.Rf3 Kd8 31.Bh3 Kc7 32.Rd3 Nb8 33.f5 g5 34.Bg2 Re1+ 35.Kf2 Ra1 36.Rh3 Nd7 37.Rxh7 Ra2+ 38.Kg3 Ne5 39.Bd5 Rxa3 40.Bxf7 Rxc3+ 41.Kg2 Rc2+ 42.Kf1 Nxf7 43.Rxf7+ Kd6 44.Rxa7 Ke5 45.f7 Rc8 46.Rb7 Kf6 47.Ke2 Kg7 48.Kd3 b5 49.Kd4 Kf6 50.h3 Rc4+ 51.Kd5 Rc8 52.Rc7 Rd8+ 53.Kc6 Rb8 54.Rd7 Rc8+ 55.Kxb5 Kg7 56.Ka6 Rc3 57.b5 Ra3+ 58.Kb7 Rxh3 59.Kc7 1-0 Krecak,Z-Walker,G/corr ICCF 2002/

[7] **8.h4** Qc7 9.Ne2 b5 10.Ng3

[10.Nbc3!?]
10...Nb6 11.h5! g5 12.Nc3
[12.Qa5!?]
12...e6
[12...Nc4!?]
13.0-0-0
[13.b3!?]
13...a5! 14.Nb1 b4!
[14...Nc4!? 15.Bxc4 bxc4 16.Nc3 Rb8 17.Kb1 d5 18.Bf2 0-0 19.Ka2 c5 20.dxc5 d4 21.Qxd4 Nxg4 22.Qd2 Nxf2 23.Qxf2 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Rb5 25.Rd6 Rxc5 26.Rhd1 f6∓ Myers]
15.axb4 axb4 16.Qxb4 Nfd7 17.Qb3
[17.Qc3!?]
17...d5! 18.Bf2?!
[18.Rg1!?]
18...0-0
[18...Ra1!? 19.exd5 cxd5 20.Kd2 Nc4+ 21.Bxc4 dxc4 22.Qc3 Ra6⩱ Myers]
19.exd5 cxd5 20.Qc3 Qb8
[20...Qd6!?]
21.b3 Bb7 22.Bb5?!
[22.Ne2!?]
22...Rc8 23.Qd3 Qf4+ 24.Rd2 Qd6 25.c3 Ra5 26.Rc2 Rca8
[26...Qf4+!? 27.Kd1 e5 28.Bxd7 Nxd7 29.Nf5 Ra1 30.Rc1 exd4 31.Ne7+ Kf8 32.Nxc8 dxc3 33.Qe3 Qb4 34.Qe7+ Qxe7 35.Nxe7 Kxe7 36.Re1+ Kd8-+ Myers]
27.Ne2
[27.Bxd7 Nxd7 28.Rb2 Ra1 29.Rd1 Bf8 30.Kd2 Ba6 31.Qe3 Qb8-+ Myers]
27...Rxb5 28.Qxb5 Ba6 29.Bg3 Qxg3 30.Nxg3 Bxb5 31.Kb2 Bf8 32.Rg2 Bd3 33.Rd1 Bh7 34.Nf1 Nb8
[34...Rb8!? 35.Ka2 f5 36.f4 gxf4 37.gxf5+ Kf7 38.fxe6+ Kxe6 39.Re1+ Kf7 40.Rf2 Ra8+ 41.Kb2 Bd6 42.Nfd2 Nf6 43.c4 dxc4 44.bxc4 Rb8 45.Ka2 Na4 46.Ref1 Bf5 47.Rxf4 Rb2+-+ Myers]
35.Ne3 Nc6 36.Nc2
[36.Re2 Kg7 37.Nc2 Rb8 38.Ka2 e5 39.Nba3 exd4 40.cxd4 Na8!-+ Myers]
36...Rb8 37.Ka2 e5 38.dxe5 Nxe5 39.Ne3 d4 40.Nf5 Bxf5
[40...d3!? 41.Nd2 Nd5 42.Kb2 Bxf5 43.gxf5 Ne3 44.Rdg1 Bg7!-+ Myers]
41.gxf5 Nc6 42.cxd4 Nd5 43.Re2 Bg7 44.Red2 Ndb4+ 0-1 (44) Krecak,Z (2374)-Thomsen,K (2461) ICCF 2009 Myers [Myers]

[8] **1...a6** 2.a3 e6
[2...g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.f4 b5 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Bd3 c5 8.Be3 Ngf6!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. 9.h3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bb7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2N *(*Vorgänger: *12.Nb3 Rc8 13.Rb1 Nb6 14.Bd4 Nc4*

15.Qe2 Qc7 16.Qf2 Rfe8 17.f5 Ne5 18.Rbd1 0-1 (68) Van Foreest,M (2206)-Pham,K (2368) NED-chT 2223 2022 (5.3) *)* 12...e5 13.Nb3 Rc8 14.f5 Rxc3 15.bxc3 Nxe4 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Rad1 d5 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.Bxc5 Re8 21.Qf2 f5 22.Bb6 Qc8 23.Qc5 Qxc5+ 24.Bxc5 Rc8 25.Bb4 Kf7 26.Rd2 Bh6 27.Re2 Bg5 28.a4 bxa4 29.Ra1 Bd8 30.Rxa4 a5 31.Ba3 Ke6 32.Bb2 g5 33.Bc1 Rxc3 34.Bb2 Rc6 35.g4 f4 36.c4 Bc7 37.cxd5+ Bxd5 38.Ra1 Bb6+ 39.Kf1 Bc4 0-1 (39) Erdogan,A (2091)-Carlsen,M (2830) Chess.com INT 2023]

3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 b5 9.Qd2 Bb7

Recently 9...Qa5 got a lot of attention. 9...Da5 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. 10.Be2 cxd4 is the legacy move (10...Be7). ist old school (10...Le7). 11.Nxd4 b4 12.axb4 Bxb4 13.0-0 0-0N

[Vorgänger: 13...Nxd4 14.Bxd4 0-0 15.f5 exf5 16.Rxf5 Qe7 17.Bd3 a5 18.Rh5 g6 19.Qh6 f5 20.exf6 Nxf6 0-1 (64) Kang,D (2019)-Khumalo,K (2117) Titled Tuesday intern op 25th Aug blitz 2020 (7)]

14.Bd3 Qc7 15.Qf2 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bc5 17.Ne2 g6 18.c3 Rfb8 19.h4 a5 20.h5 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Rxa6 22.b4 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 Raa8 24.h6 axb4 25.cxb4 Qd8 26.g3 Rxa1 27.Rxa1 Nb6 28.Ra7 Rc8 29.Rb7 Nc4 30.Qa7 Qf8 31.b5 Ra8 32.b6 Rc8 33.Rc7 Rd8 34.b7 Nd2 35.Qc5 1-0 (35) Tologontegin,S (2369)-Maksimovic,B (2497) Chess.com INT 2024

[9] **2.c4?!** Bologan,V: 'This approach is rather slow for the Open Games.' 2...Nf6

[2...Nc6 3.Nc3 Bc5

A) Bologan,V: 'Even more popular is' 4.Nf3 d6 5.h3 f5 6.d3 f4 Bologan,V: '!?' 7.Be2 a5 *(*Bologan,V: 'or' *7...Nf6)*;

B) 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 f5 6.d3 Nf6 Bologan,V: 'Black has achieved the optimal set-up:the 'bad' ♗ is actively placed on c5,and White's center is pressured with the lever on f5.'Black has achieved the optimal set-up:the 'bad' ♗ is actively placed on c5,and White's center is pressured with the lever on f5.']

3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bc5= Keres

Bologan,V: 'Against the equally provocative' **2.Qf3** Nf6 3.Bc4 Bologan,V: ', Black should try to exploit the fact that,temporarily,White will not be able to pressure the e5-♙ with Nf3,by reacting with' 3...c6 4.Nc3 b5 5.Bb3 b4 Bologan,V: '!?' 6.Nce2 d5 7.d3 a5 Bologan,V: 'Black continues playing against White's light-squared ♗ and,in case of 8 a4,he will play 8 ... bxa3 and 9 ... a4'

8.c3 dxe4 9.dxe4 Nbd7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Rd1 a4 12.Bc2 Qa5 13.Ng3 h6

Bologan,V: 'and if the opponent's dark-squared .. goes back,Black will push ... b4-b3'

2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Qf3 Nf6

[Bologan,V: 'Those in a fighting mood may consider the interesting line:' 4...f5 Bologan,V: '!?' 5.Ne2 *(*Bologan,V: 'after' *5.exf5* Bologan,V: 'comes' *Nd4 6.Qg3 Qf6* Bologan,V: 'with a complex struggle' *)* 5...Nf6 6.Nbc3 Na5 Bologan,V: '!?' 7.d3 d6 8.exf5 Nxc4 9.dxc4 gxf5 10.0-0 c6 11.Re1 Kf7 Bologan,V: 'with an unclear

game.']
5.Ne2
[Bologan,V: 'The stubborn' 5.Qb3 Bologan,V: '?!' Bologan,V: 'allows' Nd4 Bologan,V: '!' 6.Qc3 *(6.Bxf7+* Bologan,V: '?' *Ke7 7.Qc4 b5* Bologan,V: '!' Bologan,V: 'Y. Averbakh' *)* 6...d5 Bologan,V: '!?' 7.Bxd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Bf5 9.d3 Bologan,V: '??' Bb4 Bologan,V: 'and White resigned,Adow-Borissow,St Petersburg 1889']
5...Bg7 6.Nbc3
[Bologan,V: 'After' 6.d3 Bologan,V: ',Black can choose between' Na5 *(*Bologan,V: 'and' *6...d5 7.exd5 Nb4 8.Bb3 Nbxd5)*]
6...d6 7.d3
[Bologan,V: 'If White prevents this sortie with' 7.a3 Bologan,V: ',then comes' Nd4]
7...Nb4 Bologan,V: '!?' Bologan,V: 'At the beginning of the game all the ♙ s are defended.However,during the development of some pieces,some ♙ s are left without protection,thus
becoming 'orphans'.Such 'orphans' can become objects of attack.' 8.Bb3 Be6
9.0-0 Bxb3 10.cxb3 Bologan,V: 'Good.The ♙ -structure is no longer balanced and the position is dynamically equal.Next Black can play' 10...Nd7 Bologan,V: '!?' Bologan,V: 'followed by ... Nc5.'
Bologan,V: 'Against the Queen's Fianchetto,' **2.b3** Bologan,V: ',Black obtains a good game after' 2...Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4
[3...Bc5 Bologan,V: '!?' Bologan,V: 'is also good']
4.Bb2 0-0 5.Nf3 Re8 Bologan,V: 'N' Bologan,V: 'followed by ... c7 - c6 and ... d7 - d5.'
2.g3 Bologan,V: 'The King's Fianchetto is dubious if Black reacts instantly with 2...d5 .' 2...d5 Bologan,V: '!' Bologan,V: 'After 1 g3 e5 2 e4,even the great Paul Keres(vs Pal Benko)automatically played the move 2 ... Nf6,missing the opportunity to seize the initiative with an
attack on the undefended ♖ at h1.' 3.exd5
[Bologan,V: 'What else,since White would play too many moves with his light-squared ♗,after ' 3.Bg2 dxe4 4.Bxe4 Nf6]
[Bologan,V: ', while after' 3.Nc3 Bologan,V: 'comes' d4 4.Nce2 Bologan,V: ',and now Black can choose between' f5 *(*Bologan,V: 'and the Night Attack:' *4...d3* Bologan,V: '!?' *5.cxd3 Nc6* Bologan,V: ',with compensation,Doeh,C-Bladek, RIECG corr 1995' *)*]
3...Qxd5 4.Nf3
[Bologan,V: 'If' 4.Qf3 Bologan,V: ',Black has a choice between the active' Qc5 *(*Bologan,V: ', and the simple' *4...Nf6* Bologan,V: 'In both cases he has the more pleasant position.' *)*]
4...Bg4 5.Be2
[Bologan,V: 'White would be instantly lost after' 5.Bg2 Bologan,V: '?' e4 Bologan,V: 'N!' 6.Nc3 exf3]
5...Nc6 6.Nc3 Qd7 7.d3 0-0-0 Bologan,V: '... and if White castles ♔ -side Black will

instantly start attacking with ... h7-h5.'

2.d3 Bologan,V: 'Maybe White wants to play the Reversed Philidor;maybe he prepares the fianchetto of his light squared ♗;or maybe he wants to push f2-f4 without taking any risk.' 2...d5 Bologan,V: '!?'

[Bologan,V: 'A line like' 2...Bc5 Bologan,V: '!?' 3.f4 d6 Bologan,V: 'is also good, though it is more difficult for Black to gain the initiative.']

3.exd5 Qxd5 Bologan,V: 'A humorous aspect of this position is that,if White's ♙ could be returned to the d2-square,most GMs would prefer White's side of the board!? Whenever the opponent blocks his king's ♗,one can consider the option of castling ♕-side.As a tennis player would say:'Against a meek first serve,try a strong return'.' 4.Nc3

[Bologan,V: 'If White plays' 4.c4 Bologan,V: ', Black should insert' Bb4+ Bologan,V: 'prior to withdrawing his ♕ to d6']

[Bologan,V: 'Since the move' 4.a3 Bologan,V: 'prevents ... ♗b4,it makes sense to hurry with' Be6 Bologan,V: 'so that after' 5.Nc3 Bologan,V: ' ,Black can play' Qd7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be2 0-0-0 8.0-0 Bologan,V: 'and now' f6 *(*Bologan,V: 'or' *8...f5)*]

4...Bb4 5.Bd2 Bxc3 6.Bxc3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 Nf6 9.0-0 0-0-0 10.h3 Bf5 11.a3 Kb8 Bologan,V: '='

[Bologan,V: '. .. or' 11...e4 Bologan,V: 'with a good game.']

2.Ne2 Bologan,V: 'The price of such a circumspect approach is a blocked light-squared ♗ ,so Black can join the battle in a more relaxed manner.' 2...Nf6

[Bologan,V: 'Black can also fight well against f2-f4 after' 2...Nc6 3.f4 Bc5 Bologan,V: '!?' Bologan,V: ', with the idea'

A) 4.c3 d6 5.d4 Bb6 6.dxe5 *(6.Be3 f5* Bologan,V: '!?' *)* 6...Qh4+ Bologan,V: '!' Bologan,V: 'the Pendulum Maneuver' 7.g3 Qe7;

B) 4.fxe5 d6 Bologan,V: '!' Bologan,V: 'and things are going wrong for White because' 5.exd6 *(*Bologan,V: ',while' *5.d4 Qh4+* Bologan,V: '!' *6.Ng3 Bxd4 7.exd6 Be5* Bologan,V: 'is also very good for Black.' *)* 5...Qh4+ 6.Ng3 Bxd6 Bologan,V: '∓' Bologan,V: 'is not very far from disaster']

3.f4

[Bologan,V: 'Once again I favour a kind of Reversed Center Game after' 3.Nbc3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.Nxd5 Qxd5 6.Nc3 *(*Bologan,V: 'the break' *6.d4* Bologan,V: 'offers no relief after' *Nc6 7.Be3 Bf5)* 6...Qe6 7.Bb5+ Nc6 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Re1 0-0-0 10.d3 Qg6 11.a3 h5 Bologan,V: 'with an attack.']

3...Nxe4 Bologan,V: '!' Bologan,V: 'Black is not distracted by White's last move and captures the more valuable center ♙.True,in this case the white e4-♙,will be replaced(after fxe5)with
a 'thorn' on e5,but this ♙,will be easier to attack.' 4.d3 Nc5 5.fxe5 d6 Bologan,V: '!'

[Bologan,V: 'Akiba Rubinstein did win a game with' 5...d5 6.d4 Ne6 Bologan,V: ', but in my opinion it's better to remove the thorn on e5.']

6.d4 Ncd7 7.exd6 Bxd6 8.Bf4 Nf6 9.Nbc3 0-0 Bologan,V: '. . . and Black is ready to develop his ♕ -side. '

2.c3 Bologan,V: 'MacLeod's 'Attack' will never succeed if Black resolutely counterattacks in the center with the thematic' 2...d5 Bologan,V: '!'

[Bologan,V: 'This break also works well after' 2...Nf6 3.d4 d5 Bologan,V: '!?' *(3...Nxe4* Bologan,V: '!?' Bologan,V: 'is also good'*;* Bologan,V: ' ,but Black should avoid' *3...exd4 4.e5)* 4.dxe5 Nxe4]

3.exd5 Qxd5 Bologan,V: 'Whenever the queen's ♘ is deprived of its natural c3-square,Black's ♕ feels less uncomfortable in the center,even with a board full of pieces.' 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 e4 Bologan,V: '!?'

[5...Nf6 Bologan,V: '!?' Bologan,V: 'is also good']

[Bologan,V: ',while' 5...exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ Bologan,V: 'would transpose to the Capablanca Defense (Chapter 2 2) .']

6.Nfd2 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qg5 Bologan,V: '!' 8.0-0

[Bologan,V: 'If' 8.g3 Bologan,V: ', then' Bg4]

8...Bh3 9.g3 Qg6 Bologan,V: '!?' Bologan,V: 'Since White is weakened on the light squares,for now it's better to keep the h3- ♗ in the game.'

2.Bb5 Bologan,V: 'White tries to prevent an early advance of Black's d-♙ ,but frankly speaking,this is a futile attempt.' 2...c6 3.Ba4 d5 Bologan,V: '!?'

[Bologan,V: 'Black can also play the standard' 3...Nf6 4.Qe2 *(4.Nc3* Bologan,V: 'blocks the escape route for White's light-squared ♗,allowing Black to play 4 ... ♘a6-c5' *)* 4...Bc5]

4.exd5

[Bologan,V: 'After' 4.Nc3 Bologan,V: 'Black would play' d4 5.Nce2 a5 Bologan,V: '!' 6.Nf3 Nd7 Bologan,V: '↑' Bologan,V: ',with the initiative on the ♕-side.']

4...Qxd5 5.Qf3 Qa5 Bologan,V: 'In contrast to Line A from the next chapter, here Black has an excellent version of the Scandinavian Defense' 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bb3 Na6 Bologan,V: 'After this move,White has good reason to curse his early sortie with the ♗.'

[10] **2...Nc6** 3.Nf3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.h3 7.Be3 is not played anymore. 7.Le3 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. 7...0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Be6 10.Qd2 Kh7 11.Bb5N

[Vorgänger: 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 c5 15.Be3 Qb6 16.0-0 Rad8 17.b4 0-1 (31) Boscolo Meneguolo,F (2328)-Ulanowski,K (2035) EU-ch U16 Prague 2012 (4)]

11...Nd7 12.d4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 Qf6 16.0-0-0 Qxd4 17.Rxd4 Nf6 18.f4 c6 19.f5 Bc8 20.Bd3 Ne8 21.Rf1 Kg7 22.g4 b6 23.h4 g5 24.Bc4 b5 25.Ba2 a5 26.Kb1 Ra7 27.Ne2 c5 28.Rd2 c4 29.Nc3 Ba6 30.Nd5 f6 31.Rh2 Bb7 32.a4 Bxd5 33.exd5 bxa4 34.Rfh1 Rh8 35.Re1 Rc7 36.h5 Kf7 37.Rhe2 Ng7 38.Re3 Rb8 39.Rc3 Rcb7 40.Rxc4 Rxb2+ 41.Ka1 R2b4 42.Rc7+ Kf8 43.c4 Rb2 44.c5 Ne8 45.Rh7 Kg8 46.Rhe7 Ng7 47.cxd6 1-0 (47) Prasannaa,S (2120)-Ziatdinov,R (2077) Chennai 2023

2...d5 3.exd5

2...f5!? 3.Bc4!?

[11] **3.d3** d5 4.f4!? A reversed ... f5 Philidor! At first it appears unlikely that the inclusion of a3 will make any difference in this rather risky line, but there is a point to White's play. .. 4...Nc6 5.fxe5 Nxe5 6.d4 Neg4! The critical test with colours reversed, although Black has a number of other reasonable options to consider. 7.exd5

[The point. Just as in the traditional reversed Philidor 7.h3? allows the cute Nf2! 8.Kxf2 Nxe4+ when Black wins the h1-rook with some advantage, while]

[7.e5? Ne4 is also somewhat better for Black.]

7...Nxd5

[White can now meet 7...Qxd5 8.Nc3 , but the text is rather comfortable for Black.]

8.Qe2+ Be7 9.h3 Ngf6 10.Qf3 White's play might appear rather foolhardy, but to Mike Surtees it's all quite thematic! I should explain that he holds the rather unorthodox view that one should not develop the pieces until the structure is fixed (a system he has christened 'R.O.T.' - Revolutionary Opening Theory). I'd still be surprised, though, if White isn't just worse here, despite my not always having proved an advantage as Black on the four (!) recent occasions that I've reached this position. 10...0-0 11.Bd3

[In the second game of our mini-series, Mike (a dangerous player well worth 2300 before he switched from the likes of the Ponziani - see Surtees-Hebden in the Archive - to R.O.T.) deviated with 11.c4?! , but after Nb6 12.Be3 Re8 13.Bd3?! , Bc5! would have been rather strong in Surtees-Palliser, Scarborough 2006: 14.Ne2 Bxd4 15.Bxd4 Qxd4 wins at least a pawn.]

11...c5! Critical Black needs to do something with his lead in development before White untangles his pieces. 12.c4 Nc7 13.d5 b5 14.b3 bxc4 15.bxc4 Nd7

[Based on White's loose development, brave souls might wish to consider 15...Nfxd5!? 16.cxd5 Re8 17.Ne2 Bh4+ 18.g3 Bf6 , but there is nothing wrong with the logical text.]

16.Bf4 Bh4+ 17.g3?!

[Later games (I can also be quite stubborn with my opening choices!) deviated with 17.Kd1!? Bf6 *(17...Re8!? 18.Ne2 Bf6 19.Nbc3 Ne5* might well be the simplest route to a pleasant advantage *)* 18.Ra2 Nb6 *(*next time I'm also tempted to test *18...Ba6)* 19.Ne2 Qd7! *(*improving over the rather embarrassing *19...Na4?? 20.d6 Ne6 21.Qxa8 Qb6 22.Qe4 g6* and Black never had quite enough for his rook in Surtees-Palliser, Preston 2006 evidently even when one isn't surprised by the surprise opening, it's possible to be over-confident and commit a hideous blunder *)* 20.Nd2 Ncxd5!? (far from forced, but the white pieces are not at all easy to co-ordinate and handle in a 25-minute game) 21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.Kc1 Bb7 23.Be4 Rfd8 24.Rc2 Bc6 25.Nc4? Nxf4 26.Nxf4? Qd4 and Black won easily in Surtees-Palliser, York (rapid) 2007. Despite this result, perhaps White can come close to equality in this reversed Philidor!]

17...Bf6 18.Ra2 Ne5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Ne2 Qg5 21.Nd2 f5!? Black's powerful dark-squared bishop gives him a pleasant advantage. After the text White at

least manages to castle, but that by no means solves all his problems. 22.0-0 Bd7 23.Rf2 Rae8 24.Nf1 Surtees is pretty adept at keeping rather loose positions together, but already it appears that White is grovelling somewhat. It's going to be a long time before he ever gets to exploit that passed d-pawn. 24...Qh6 25.Rh2 Rb8 26.Bc2 Ne8! Regrouping and if my remaining annotations appear a little light, that's because I haven't been able to find a serious improvement for White. 27.Qf2 Qd6 28.a4 g6 29.Qf3 Nf6 30.Nd2 Rfe8 31.Rg2 Rf8 32.Kh1 Rbe8 33.Qa3 Nh5 34.Nf1? f4! 35.gxf4 Nxf4 36.Nxf4 Rxf4 37.Qd3 Ref8

[Plenty good enough, but more clinical was 37...Rh4 38.Ra3 Qf6 .]

38.Nd2 Bd4 39.Bd1 Qe5 It's becoming a rout... 40.Be2 Rh4 41.Ra3 Qf4 42.Rh2 Bf5 43.Qg3 Qxd2 0-1 (43) Surtees,M (2182)-Palliser,R (2413) Swansea 2006 [Richard Palliser]

3.Nf3 d6 4.d3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Nc3 c6 9.b4 Ne8 10.Ne2 f5 11.c3 Ndf6 12.Ne1 Be6 13.Nc2 Nh5 14.f3 Rc8 15.Bh3 Rc7 16.Be3 Rcf7 17.a4 a6 18.b5 Qd7 19.bxa6 bxa6 20.Qd2 fxe4 21.Bxe6 Qxe6 22.fxe4 Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 24.Kxf1 Qa2 25.Qc1 Qxa4 26.Qb2 Nhf6 27.c4 c5 28.Nc3 Qd7 29.Qb8 h5 30.Bg5

[30.Kg2]

30...Ng4 31.Nd5?!

[31.Kg2]

31...Qf7+ 32.Ke2 Nxh2 33.Be7 Kh7 34.Kd2 Nf1+ 35.Kc3 Nxg3 36.Nce3 Ne2+ 37.Kb3 Nd4+ 38.Ka4 Qf2 39.Ka3 Qe1 40.Ka2 Qd2+ 41.Ka1 Qc1+ 42.Ka2 Qd2+ 43.Ka1 Qa5+ 44.Kb2 Qa4 45.Bg5 Nf3 46.Be7 Qd7 47.Ng2 Nd4 48.Nge3 Nc6 0-1 (48) Solomon,J-Short,N (2260) Viborg 1979 EXT 2014 [ChessBase II]

[12] **3...Bc5** 4.Nf3 d6 Paul Motwani: 'Reader's Challenge P1.1.1 If 4...Ng4 then can you find a good way for White to react and also make use of having a pawn on a3? A solution appears after the game G1.1.'

[4...Ng4 5.d4 exd4 6.Na4 d6

A) 7.Nxd4 Qf6 8.Be3 Nxe3 9.fxe3 Qh4+ 10.Kd2 Bxd4 11.exd4 Qg5+ *(11...Qxe4 12.Qe1 Qxe1+ 13.Rxe1+ Kd8 14.Bc4)* 12.Ke1 Qe3+ 13.Be2 Qxe4;

B) 7.Nxc5 dxc5 8.h3 Nf6;

C) 7.b4 Bb6 8.Bb5+ *(8.Nxd4 Qf6 9.Be3 Nxe3 10.fxe3 Qh4+ 11.Kd2 0-0; 8.Nxb6 axb6 9.Qxd4 0-0)* 8...c6 9.Bc4 Ne5 10.Nd2 Qg5 11.Kf1

C1) 11...Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Qb5 13.Naxb6 axb6 14.Qd3 *(14.Qxd4 Be6)*;

C2) 11...Bc7 12.Nb3 Qh4 13.Qxd4 *(13.Be2)* 13...b5 14.Bxf7+ *(14.Bxb5 cxb5 15.Nc3 Bb6)* 14...Nxf7 15.Nc3 Bb6 16.Qd2 0-0 17.Nd4 Qf6 18.Nxc6 *(18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 Ne5)* 18...Nxc6 19.f4 Be6 20.g3 *(20.Ke1 d5 21.Rb1 dxe4)* 20...Ng5 21.e5 *(21.Bb2 Qg6 22.Qd3 Bc4)* 21...Qxe5 22.h4 Ne4 23.Qe1 Nxc3 24.Qxe5 dxe5 25.Bd2 Ne4 26.Be1 exf4 27.Kg2 f3+ 28.Kh2 Ne5 29.Rf1 Ng4+ 30.Kh1 f2 31.Rxf2 *(31.Kg2 Ne3+ 32.Kh2 Nxf1+ 33.Kh1 Nfxg3+ 34.Kh2 f1Q 35.Bxg3 Qh3#)* 31...Nexf2+ 32.Kg1

Bd5 33.Kf1 Rae8 34.Bxf2 *(34.Bd2 Nd3+ 35.Bf4 Nh2#)* 34...Rxf2+ 35.Kg1 Rf5# 0-1 (35) Albacetti,S (1000)-Briceno Ochoa,J (986) Argentina 2000 Corr 2006 [Deep Fritz (60s)] *(35...Rf4#)*]

5.Bc4

[5.d4 Fritz 6 (30s): 'N' exd4 6.Nxd4 0-0 7.Nb3 Bb6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Re8 10.Qe2 Nc6 11.0-0-0 Be6 12.f3 Fritz 6 (30s): 'Überdeckt g4' Qe7 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Rxd5 Rad8 *(15...Ne5 16.Rd1* Fritz 6 (30s): '∓' *)* 16.Kb1 *(16.g3 Bd4 17.c3 Bb6* Fritz 6 (30s): '=' *)* 16...Nd4 *(16...Ne5 17.Rd1* Fritz 6 (30s): '∓' *)* 17.Qd3 Nxb3 18.Qxb3 c6 Fritz 6 (30s): 'Nimmt Einfluß auf b5' 19.Rd1 d5 20.exd5 Re3 21.Rd3 Re5 22.g3 cxd5 23.f4 Re1+ 24.Ka2 d4 25.Bg2 Re7 26.Rhd1 Rc8 27.Kb1 Bc5 28.Qd5 Fritz 6 (30s): 'Der Isolani d4 wird belagert' *(28.Bxb7* Fritz 6 (30s): '?' Fritz 6 (30s): 'ist nicht spielbar' *Rb8* Fritz 6 (30s): '-+' *)* 28...a5 29.h3 b5 30.Be4

A) 30...Ba7 31.Rb3 b4 32.axb4 Fritz 6 (30s): '±' *(32.Qxa5* Fritz 6 (30s): '?' Fritz 6 (30s): 'ist ein Schlag ins Wasser' *Rxe4 33.Qxa7 Qc6* Fritz 6 (30s): '-+' *)*;

B) 30...Bb6 31.Bf3 *(31.Rb3 Rce8 32.Qxb5 Rxe4 33.Qxb6 Qf5* Fritz 6 (30s): '±' *)* 31...b4 Fritz 6 (30s): '=' Fritz 6 (30s): 'Schwarz will den Gegner einengen' 32.a4 Rce8 33.Bg4 Re3 34.Bf5 Qd8 35.Qc6 R3e7 36.Bg4 Re1 37.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 38.Ka2 Re3 39.Bf5 Qe8 ½-½ (39) Kotenko,P-Scheipl,R Eforie Nord 1999 ZUS C73 [Doric,Nenand]]

[5.h3 Paul Motwani: 'A careful move from Germany's GM Matthias Wahls, who realises that 5 g3?! Ng4! 6 d4 exd4 is bad for White, especially after 7 Nxd4 Nc6 or 7...Qf6.' Nc6 6.d3 Paul Motwani: 'Now Black must be wary of White playing Na4 to eliminate the c5-bishop, and so the next move creates a safe niche for it at a7.' a6 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 Be6 9.0-0 h6 Paul Motwani: 'Black plays this prophylactic pawn-move because 9. ..d5?! 10 Ng5! is superb for White.' 10.Kh2 Paul Motwani: 'Now White does not have to worry about ...Qd7 then ...Bxh3, and from a very positive point of view he could soon be playing Nh4 followed by f4, since the f2-pawn is no longer pinned.' d5 Paul Motwani: 'This allows White to spring a tactical trick which Black could have avoided by means of 10...Ba7, for example.' 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.d4 Bb6 Paul Motwani: '12...Neg4+? 13 hxg4 Nxg4+ 14 Kh1 Ba7 15 exd5 is simply bad for Black, and more convincing for White than 15 e5 c5! (intending 16 f3 cxd4). A respectable possibility was 12...Bxd4 13 Qxd4 Nc6, but after 14 Qd1 White does stand somewhat better due to having a long-range bishop pair in an open position.' 13.exd5 Paul Motwani: 'Black would be relatively happy after 13 dxe5 Nxe4 14 Nxe4 (14 Bxe4 is also possible, but risky too) 14...dxe4 because his pieces get plenty of activity, and the threats of 15...Bc4 or 15... Qxd1 16 Rxd1 Bxf2 are irritating for White.' Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.dxe5

A) 15...Bc4 is answered by 16.Qg4! intending Bxf1? *(16...Qd4* is more tenacious *)* 17.Bxh6 g6 18.Rxf1 Re8 19.Rd1 Qe7 20.Bd5 threatening 21 Qxg6+ Kh7 21.Bg5 Qxe5 *(* an equally black nightmare is *21...Qf8 22.Qh4+ Kg8 23.Bf6)* 22.Qh4+ Kg8 23.Bxf7+! Kxf7 24.Qh7+ and then Kf8 *(24...Qg7 25.Rd7+; 24...Ke6 25.Qd7#)* 25.Bh6+;

B) 15...Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qxd1 17.Rxd1 Rae8 18.Re1 Paul Motwani: '18 Bf4 walks into 18...g5.' f6 19.Be3 Paul Motwani: 'White makes a very mature decision to give back his extra pawn and simplify the position into a clearly favourable endgame in which he will have a superior pawn structure and the more active pieces. In contrast, Black would have welcomed 19 f4? fxe5 20 fxe5? Rf2+ or 19 e6 f5 followed by ...Rf6.' Rxe5 Fritz 6 (30s): 'Wahls,M-Brueckner,T/BL9091 1991/BL 90/1-0 (48)' 20.Bxb6 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 and Black was facing a horrible defensive task which turned into a loss at move 48. Solution to P1.1. 1 One good answer is that after 5 d4 exd4 6 Na4!, the a3-pawn stops 6...Bb4+. It is well-worth comparing this situation to the Two Knights Defence 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6, where after 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5, the check 6 Bb5+ is available. Wahls,M-Brueckner,T Bundesliga 1991 [Paul Motwani]]

5...Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.d3 h6 9.Nh4 Bh7 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 Nbd7 12.Qf3 c6 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.Qxf5 Qe7 15.h4 0-0-0 16.Na4 Bb6 17.Nxb6+ axb6 18.a4 Rdf8 19.Be3 Ne8 20.Bxb6 Rxh4 21.Ke2 Rf4 ChessBase II: '?'

[21...g6 ChessBase II: '-+']

22.Qh3 g5 23.Be3 Rh4 24.Qg3 Rxh1 25.Rxh1 f6 26.Qg4 Kc7 27.a5 Ng7 28.Rh7 b6 29.axb6+ Nxb6 30.Bxb6+ Kxb6 31.b4 Rd8 32.Qg1 d5 33.f3+ Kc7 ChessBase II: '??' 34.exd5 cxd5 35.Qa7+ Kd6 36.Qxe7+ Kxe7 37.Rxg7+ Kf8 38.Rc7 dxc4 39.dxc4 Rd4 40.c3 Rf4 41.b5 e4 42.fxe4 Rxe4+ 43.Kd3 Re7 44.b6 g4 45.Rxe7 Kxe7 46.b7 g3 47.b8Q 1-0 (47) 7...Be6 (1167)-Reichert,T (1201) Fagernes 2005 CCYB 4 [Dragan Solak]

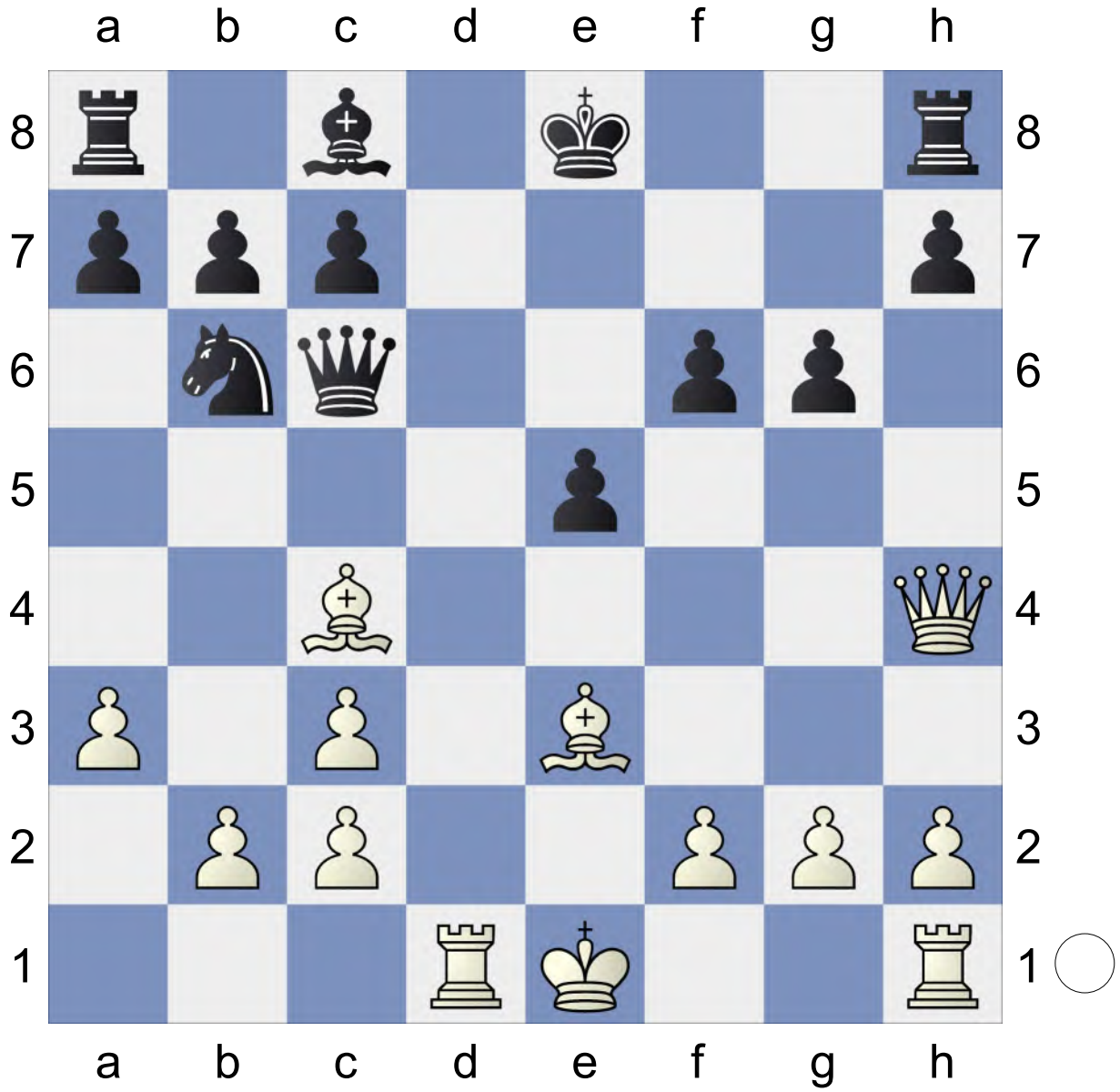
Bologan,V: ',the equally natural' **3...d5** With colors reversed Scotch as he a3 move has little value in the Scotch. '!?' Bologan,V: 'can quickly run into trouble after' '?!' 4.exd5 Nxd5 Paul Motwani: 'produces a Scotch Game (1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 Nxd4) in reverse, but with the important extra move a2-a3. Here is the key point: in a normal Scotch Game, one of the sharpest lines is 4... Qh4 5 Nb5 intending 5... Qxe4+ 6 Be2, with White getting fair play for one sacrificed pawn (and tempting the opponent's nomadic queen to greedily gobble the g-pawn, because 6. ..Qxg2?? 7 Bf3 leaves Black in double trouble at g2 and c7). However, entering a reversed Scotch via the Mengarini move-order lets White play' 5.Bc4 What could be considered a main move in this position.

[5.Qh5 The typical tricky move, but not a move we should be afraid of as seen in previous variations. '!' Bologan,V: '!?' Bologan,V: ',since the c2-square is now protected from the annoying ... Nb4.Staunton's ♕ appears every time the opponent's ♘ leaves the ♔-side by capturing in the center.The ♕ uses the opportunity to exert pressure on the opponent's center,not to mention that the opponent's h- and f- ♙ s are also under fire.' '!' Paul Motwani: 'and the handy a3-pawn stops 5...Nb4. This sneaky opening trick was shown to me many years ago by Scotland's IM Roddy McKay, who also pointed out that after 5 Qh5!' Qd6

A bit different than our mainline in other chapters because we have no Nb4. This requires us to defend the pawn in an unnatural way. *(5...Be6 6.Qxe5 Nd7 7.Qe2*

Nxc3 8.dxc3 Bd6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qc8 11.0-0-0 b5 12.Nd4 Bc4 13.Qh5 Ne5 14.Nxb5 Bxb5 15.Bxb5 Qf5 16.f4 Ng6 17.Qe2 h6 18.Bd3 Fritz 6 (30s): 'Demeny,M-Vajda,L/Odorheiu Secuiesc op 1993/TD 93\04/1-0 (29)'*; 5...Nc6 6.Bb5 Qd6* (what else?) *7.Nf3* Black's e-pawn will soon be extinct. 4 Nf3 d6 *)* 6.Nf3

A) 6...Nxc3 7.dxc3 Nd7 8.Bc4 g6 9.Qh4 Be7 10.Ng5 Bxg5 11.Bxg5 f6 12.Be3 Nb6 13.Rd1 Qc6 '?' Diagram



14.Bb5 '!' Qxb5 15.Qxf6 Bf5 16.Qxh8+ Kf7 17.Qxh7+ Ke6 18.Bg5 Nd5 19.b3 Qc5 20.c4 Nf6 21.Qg7 Rf8 22.b4 Qe7 23.Qxe7+ Kxe7 24.Rd2 Ke6 25.Bxf6 Kxf6 26.0-0 e4 *(26...g5 27.c5 Rh8 28.f3* is another version of the finish. Which is correct? *)* 27.c5 Re8 28.f3 1-0 (28) Garcia,W-Sheng,M 7.♘g5 1888 ZUS D57 [John Watson];

B) 6...Nc6 6...Nxc3 Is an alternative 7.dxc3 Nd7 8.Bb5 c6 9.Bc4 Qg6 10. Qxg6 hxg6 11.Be3 f6 12.h3 Bc5 13.Bxc5 Nxc5 14.O-O-O Be6 15.Bxe6

Nxe6 Roque - Grigoryan, 0-1, 2014 7.Ng5 7.Bb5 Nf4 8.Qxe5+ Qxe5+ 9. Nxe5 Nxg2+ 10.Kf1 Nh4 11.Nxc6 Bh3+ 12.Ke1 Bg2 13.Ne5+ c6 14.Bc4 Bxh1 15.Nxf7 b5 16.Bb3 Nf3+ 17.Kd1 Rg8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Bxg8 Bf3+ 20.Ke1 Bg4 Equal but there is still a large amount of life in the position. g6 8.Qf3 Nf4 Again we see this Memory Marker of Nf4, it also covers the f7 square. 9.Bb5 Bh6 10.Nge4 Qe7 11.d4 f5 12.d5 Be mindful of all of the tactics here. We need to first get rid of the strong pin. a6 13.dxc6 axb5 14.cxb7 Bxb7 We have gotten rid of the pin and in return received much needed development. 15.Nf6+ Qxf6 16.Qxb7 0-0 17.0-0 c6 The Knight is shut down on c3 and we have reached a dynamically equal position. Andersson A3-1.a3 (2.e4 5.Qh5) RS]

[5.Nxd5 In any of our Reversed Scotch variations we love to see this as White had given away his first move edge. When we recapture we will have a piece and White will not meaning we have cleared a full move edge in the position. Qxd5 6.Qf3 Be6 7.Qxd5 Bxd5 8.Ne2 a6 Watching key squares and making sure the White Knight will have no great future. 9.f4 Nc6 The best way to defend in this situation is active defense. If white captures it will improve our Knight and its options. 10.Nc3 Be6 11.fxe5 0-0-0 An interesting pawn sacrifice which keeps the momentum and pressure on White as they attempt to hold onto the investment. 12.d3 Nd4 Keeping the pressure on the c2 pawn. 13.Kd1 h6 Shutting down use of the g5 square. 14.Bf4 g5 The counterplay from h6 becomes obvious now. 15.Bg3 h5 Continuing to make the most of the kingside pressure. 16.Kd2 h4 17.Bf2 Bg7 18.Re1 g4 This lengthy line is the definition of a gambit. 19.Kc1 Nc6 20.h3 g3 21.Be3 Nxe5 We finally get our pawn back with great play. Andersson A3-1.a3 2.e4 Reversed Scotch]

5...Nxc3 6.Qf3 See the mate, stop the mate 6...Qf6 7.Qxc3 7.Qxf6 gxf6 8.dxc3 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 With our pawn structure strengthened we look forward to attempting to outplay our opponent in the equal ending. 10.Nf3 Rg8 Having the open file must be utilized. 11.O-O Nc6 12.g3 O-O-O 13.Be3 7...Nc6 8.Ne2 Be6 9.0-0 0-0-0 An interesting position for both sides. Andersson A3-1.a3 (2. e4 5.Bc4) RS

[13] **4.g3** d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Be6 7.Nf3

[Bologan,V: 'White has good reason for not wanting to place his ♘ on the less active square' 7.Nge2 Qd7]

Bologan,V: ', but now comes . . .' 7...Nxc3 Bologan,V: '!' 8.bxc3 e4 Bologan,V: '!' Bologan,V: 'This is the main reason that(as Black)I don't play the fianchetto against the 3 NsG.White has nothing better than ...' 9.Ng1 f5 10.f3

[Bologan,V: 'Black also dictates the tempo after' 10.d3 Qf6 11.Ne2 0-0-0 12.0-0 Bc5 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Qh6]

10...Bc5 11.fxe4 0-0 12.e5

[Bologan,V: 'White is lost after' 12.d4 Bologan,V: '?' Nxd4 13.cxd4 Bxd4 14.Rb1 Bologan,V: '?' Bf2+ Bologan,V: '-+!']

12...f4 Chapter 1 ,4-N,N Bologan,V: '... and Black has the initiative.
Traps
There is an important one: Line H(2 a3),and don't complain later that I didn't warn you about this patzer move!
GM Karsten Muller showed in his book, 222 Opening Traps,that 2 Ne2 Nf6 3 f4 exf4?! could also be a trap, but in comparison with 2 a3,2 Ne2 is far less popular.
Transpositions & Move Order
2 d3 and 2 a3 tend to transpose into a kind of reversed opening.
The move 2 c3 can transpose to Capablanca's Defense after 2 ... d5 3 exd5 Nxd5.It's up to Black whether he wants to enter this transposition.
Chess players who play 3 ... Nf6 after 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 c3,or who play 4 ... Nf6 after 3 d4 exd4 4 c3, should heed the following warning.After 1 e4 e5 2 c3 Nf6 3 d4,it's important to refrain from the capture 3 ... exd4?! because of the response 4 e5,and Black cannot play the active 4 ... Nd5(as against the Ponziani)due to 5 Qxd4.
Ideas To Remember
The 'orphan'(Line A)
The Night Attack(Line B) .
When Black can aggressively castle ♕-side(Line B).
Staunton's ♕(Line H).'
Bologan,V: 'After' **4.Bc4** Bologan,V: 'play continues' 4...Nxe4 Bologan,V: 'the Zuke-Strike' 5.Nxe4
[5.Bxf7+ Bologan,V: '?!' Kxf7 6.Nxe4 d5 7.Ng3 Be7 Bologan,V: ' ,followed by ... Rf8 and ... Kg8' *(7...Bd6* Bologan,V: '?!' *8.Qf3+)*]
5...d5 6.Bd3 dxe4 7.Bxe4 Qd6 Bologan,V: '!?' 8.Nf3 Ne7 Bologan,V: ',threatening ... f7-f5 and ... e5-e4.'

[14] **4...Bc5** 5.b4
4...d5! 5.Bb5
[5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Bb5 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Bd6]
5...Nxe4 6.Nxe5 Qf6 7.Nf3 Be6 8.0-0 Bd6 9.Re1 0-0!?
[9...Nxc3 10.dxc3 0-0 11.Bg5 Qg6]
10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Rxe4 Bd5 13.Re3 c5!≅ Chapter-Games Game 3

[15] **5...d6**

[16] **6...d6** 7.Bb5 Bd7 --> Ruy Lopez

[17] **8.e5** Nd5?
[8...Ne8]
9.Nxd5 cxd5 10.Qxd5 Rb8 11.Bd3 d6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Qd4 dxe5 14.Qxe5 Bf6 15.Qg3 Re8 16.Bf4 Re7 17.Rad1 Qe8 18.Bxc7 Rc8 19.Bd6 Re6 20.Bf4 Rc5

21.b4 Rh5 22.c4 g6 23.f3 Bh4 24.Qg4 Qe7 25.Bg3 Bxg3 26.Qxg3 Rg5 27.Qf2 Rge5 28.c5 Bd5 29.Qd4 Bb3 30.Bc4 Bxc4 31.Qxc4 Re2 32.Qd4 1-0 (32)
Hebden,M (2445)-Ady,J (2305) London 1986 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II]

[18] **2.Nf3** Nc6 3.a3
[3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 Be7 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Ng5 0-0 8.f4 Bg4 9.Nf3 exf4 10.Bxf4]
3...g6 4.b4?
[4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Rb1?! Nf6 6.b4 d5!]
4...Bg7 5.c3
[5.Nc3 Nxb4!]
5...d5! 6.b5
[6.exd5 Qxd5 7.bxc5 e5!]
6...Na5 7.e5 Bg4 8.d4 Bxf3 9.gxf3
[9.Qxf3? Nb3]
9...e6
2.b4 cxb4 3.a3 d5

[19] **2...e5** Gotham: '2. ...e5 is actually too weakening and we no longer have to gambit at all!' 3.Nf3
[3.Bc4
A) 3...d6 4.Nc3 a6 5.f4 Nd7 6.d3 Nb6 *(6...Ne7 7.f5 b5 8.Bb3 Nf6 9.Bg5 Nc6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nf3* '±' *)* 7.Ba2 exf4 8.Bxf4 Qh4+ 9.Bg3 Qf6 10.Nf3 '!?' *(10.Nge2)* 10...Be6 11.0-0 Bxa2 12.Rxa2 Qd8 13.e5 d5 14.e6 fxe6 15.Qe2 '±';
B) 3...Nc6 4.d3 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '∓' Nf6 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'and' 5.Nc3
B1) 5...d6 6.f4
B1a) 6...Bg4 7.Nf3 Nd4 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bxf7+ '!' Kxf7 10.Nxe5+ Ke8 11.Nxg4 Nxg4 12.0-0 '!' Qh4 13.Bf4 Be7 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.c3 Ne6 16.Bg3 Qg5 17.Qa4+ b5 18.Qxb5#;
B1b) 6...exf4 7.Bxf4
B1b1) 7...Be6 8.Nd5 '↑!?' *(8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Nf3 e5 10.Bg5 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Ne7 14.Ne3* '±' *)*;
B1b2) 7...Bg4 8.Qd2 Be7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 '±';
B1c) 6...Be7 7.Nf3
B1c1) 7...Be6 '?!' 8.f5 Bxc4 9.dxc4 Nd4 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 a6 15.Qd3 '±';
B1c2) 7...Bg4 8.0-0 Nd4 9.fxe5 Bxf3 *(9...dxe5* '?' *10.Bxf7+ Kxf7 11.Nxe5+* '+-' *)* 10.gxf3 dxe5 11.f4 Bd6 12.f5 h6 13.Kh1 Qe7 14.Be3 0-0-0 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 '±';
B1c3) 7...exf4 8.Bxf4 0-0 *(8...Be6 9.Nd5* '↑' *)* 9.0-0 Bg4 *(9...Be6 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.exd5 Na5 12.Ba2 b5 13.Nh4 c4 14.Nf5 Nxd5 15.Qg4 g6 16.Bd2 Bf6 17.Qf3 gxf5 18.Qxd5 Rc8 19.Qxf5* '±' *)* 10.h3

Bh5 11.g4 Bg6 12.Nh4 *(12.Qd2* '↑!?' *)* 12...Nd4 13.Nf5 Bxf5 *(13...b5* '?' *14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Nxb5* '±' *)* 14.gxf5 Kh8 15.Kh1 '⩲';

B1c4) 7...Nd4 8.fxe5 Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3 dxe5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qg3 '⩲';

B1c5) 7...0-0

B1c51) 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nd4 11.Qf2

B1c511) 11...a6 12.Be3 b5 13.Ba2 '⩲';

B1c512) 11...Nd7 12.Kh2 *(12.Nd5 Bh4 13.g3 Bxg3* '∓' *)* 12...a6 13.Nd5 b5 14.Ba2 '⩲';

B1c513) 11...Nh5 12.g3 Nf6 *(12...Qd7 13.f5 b5 14.Ba2* '⩲' *)* 13.f5 Qb6 14.g4 Nd7 *(14...h6* '?!' *15.Qg2 Qd8 16.h4 Nh7 17.g5 hxg5 18.Kh1 gxh4* '?' *19.Rg1 Bf6 20.Bh6* '+-' *)* 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.c3 Nc6 17.Qg2 Bg5 18.f6 '!' Bxf6 *(18...Bxc1 19.fxg7 Kxg7 20.Raxc1)* 19.Nxf6+ Nxf6 20.Bg5 Ne7 21.Rxf6 '!' gxf6 22.Bxf6 h6 23.g5 '+-';

B1c52) 8.f5 '!?' 8...Nd4 9.0-0

B1c521) 9...a6 10.Nd5 b5 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bd5 Ra7 13.c3 Nxf3+ 14.Rxf3 *(14.Qxf3)* 14...Bb7 15.Rh3 Bxd5 '?' *(15...h6* '?' *16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Rxh6* '+-'*; 15...Bg5 16.Qh5 h6 17.Ba2* '!' *Bxc1 18.Rxc1* '⩲' *d5* '?' *19.exd5 Bxd5 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.f6 Qe6 22.Rf1 Kh7 23.fxg7* '+-' *)* 16.Qh5 h6 17.Bxh6 '+-';

B1c522) 9...Bd7 10.Nxd4 *(10.Nd5 b5 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bd5 Bc6 13.Nxd4 Bxd5 14.Nxb5 Bc6 15.Nc3 Rb8 16.b3* '⩲' *)* 10...cxd4 11.Nd5 Bc6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Bg5 a6 14.Qe1 b5 15.Bb3 h6 16.Bd2 '!' *(16.Bh4 Rfd8 17.g4 d5* '⇄' *)* 16...Rfd8 *(16...d5 17.Qg3 Kh8 18.Bb4* '±' *)* 17.Qh4 d5 18.Rf3 '!' dxe4 19.Rg3 Kf8 20.Rxg7 Kxg7 21.Bxh6+ '+-';

B2) GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'The alternatives are harmless:' 5...Be7 6.f4]

3...Nc6 4.b4 cxb4 5.axb4 Bxb4 6.c3 Be7 7.d4 d6 8.Bb5 Reinke,Markus: 'Perunovic too apparently finds the bishop better placed on b5 than on c4.' Reinke,Markus: 'Auch Perunovic findet offenbar den Läufer auf b5 besser platziert als auf c4.' 8...Bd7 9.Ba3 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0

[Reinke,Markus: 'Taking the second pawn is very risky:' Reinke,Markus: 'Den zweiten Bauern zu schlagen, ist sehr riskant:' 10...Nxe4 11.Re1 f5 12.Qb3 a6 13.Bc4 Reinke,Markus: '⩱' Reinke,Markus: 'The black king is stuck in the centre.' Reinke,Markus: 'Der schwarze König sitzt im Zentrum fest.']

11.d5 Nb8

[11...Na5 Reinke,Markus: 'was perhaps better, followed by:' Reinke,Markus: 'war vielleicht besser, mit der Folge:' 12.Bd3 b6 13.Re1 Reinke,Markus: 'White has a certain amount of compensation on account of the pressure on the queenside and the bad bishop on e7.' Reinke,Markus: 'Weiß hat gewisse Kompensation wegen des Drucks am Damenflügel und dem schlechten Läufer auf e7.']

12.Bd3 a5 13.Nxe5 Reinke,Markus: '??'

[Reinke,Markus: 'The correct move was' Reinke,Markus: 'Richtig war' 13.Nbd2

Na6 14.Nc4 Reinke,Markus: '!?' *(*Reinke,Markus: 'White also obtains queenside pressure and sufficient compensation with the more modest' Reinke,Markus: 'Druck am Damenflügel und damit ausreichende Kompensation erhält Weiß auch mit dem zurückhalteneren' *14.Qe2* Reinke,Markus: '⩲' *)* 14...b5

A) 15.Nxd6 b4 16.Nxf7 Rxf7 17.Nxe5 Rf8 18.cxb4 Bxb4 19.Bc4 Bxa3 20.Rxa3 Nb4 21.d6+ Kh8 22.Re3 Qb6 23.Qd2 *(23.Nf7+ Rxf7 24.Bxf7 Ng4 25.Rc3 Ne5 26.Bh5 Bb5 27.Be2 Bxe2 28.Qxe2 Qxd6 29.Rd1* Reinke,Markus: '∞' *)* 23...Bb5 24.Rc1 Bxc4 25.Nxc4 Qc5 26.e5 Ng4 27.Re2 Reinke,Markus: '∞';

B) 15.Ncxe5 dxe5 16.d6 b4 17.dxe7 Qxe7 18.Bb2 Nc5 19.cxb4 axb4 20.Rxa8 Rxa8 21.Nxe5 Be6 Reinke,Markus: '∓']

13...dxe5 14.d6 Bxd6 15.Bxd6 Bg4 Reinke,Markus: '-+!' Reinke,Markus: 'White had probably overlooked this move - which can easily happen in a blitz game, even to a super-GM.' Reinke,Markus: 'Diesen Zug hatte Weiß wohl übersehen - was bei einer Blitzpartie schnell passieren kann, selbst einem Super-GM.' 16.f3 Qxd6 17.fxg4 Rd8 18.Rf3 Nc6 19.Nd2 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Nxg4 21.Qf1 Qxc3 22.Nc4 Rxd3 0-1 (22) 6.♗d2 c5_54370 (2696)-Pakleza,Z (2504) IECG email 2014 EXP 46 [Henrik B Pedersen & Ove Sogaard]

2...b6 Jonathan Rowson: 'I suspect Black should wait for b4 before playing this.' Gotham: 'We don't really have to go b4 now.' 3.Nc3

[3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 Wasting this tempo is not the end of the world, since Black has committed to b7 with the bishop, which is a bad square. 5.Qd3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Nf3 d6 8.Bg5 With easy development and Rd1/0-0-0 to follow.]

3...g6 4.h4 Jonathan Rowson: '!?' Jonathan Rowson: 'Played not so much to open the h-file as to weaken g6.' 4...h5

[4...Bg7 5.h5 Bb7 Jonathan Rowson: 'looks better, when Black is well ahead in development and White has yet to show the value in his rook-pawn pushes.']

5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.Bb5 Jonathan Rowson: '!?' 7...Bg7

[7...Nc6 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Nf3 Jonathan Rowson: 'And the g5 square is probably more useful for Black than the g4 square is for White.']

8.e5 Ng4 9.Qe4 Nc6 10.e6 Jonathan Rowson: '!' Jonathan Rowson: 'Full marks for style. This sounds too good to be true, but I am writing this while listening to the best of Sting 1984-1994, and at the moment the move 10.e6 appeared on the screen, the song "Demolition Man" came on.' 10...f5 11.Qd5 Nf6 12.Qf3 Nd4 13.Qxa8 Nxc2+ 14.Ke2 Nxa1 15.Bg5 Nb3 16.Nf3 Nc5 17.exd7+ Bxd7 18.Qxd8+ Kxd8 Jonathan Rowson: 'So the position clarifies, and Black is a pawn up! But White has huge compensation due to his active pieces, superior mobilisation, and the weakness on g6.' 19.Ne5 Kc8 20.Nxg6 Re8 21.Bxd7+ Nfxd7 22.Nxe7+ Kb7 23.Re1 Ne4 24.Nxe4 fxe4 25.Nf5 Be5 26.Rd1 Kc7 27.b4 b5 28.Be7 a6 29.Rc1+ Kb6 30.Rc2 Nf6 31.Nd6 Rg8 32.Bxf6 Bxf6 33.g3 1-0 (33) Dizdar (2478)-Fierro Baquero,M (2332) Ukraine 2006 200 Traps In The Opening [CPC 1879 p37; ACJ March 1879]

2...a5 This... is garbage. '?!' 3.Nf3 All Sicilians will now be worse for Black no

matter what happens -- we can play d4 immediately or just delay and develop normally. a3/a5 as an inclusion here drastically weakens b5 for Black. 3...Nc6
[3...b6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bb7 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Be3 e6 8.Ndb5 '±']
[3...e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 '±']
4.d4
[4.Bb5 '!?']
4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 '±'
2...a6 3.b4 cxb4
[3...e5 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.Nf3 cxb4 6.axb4 d6 7.b5 Nb8 8.d4 exd4 9.Qxd4 Nf6 10.Bd3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nc3 Nbd7 13.Nd5 '±']
[3...d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qe5+ *(5...Qd8 6.bxc5 e5 7.Bc4 Bxc5 8.Qe2 Nc6 9.Nf3* '↑' *)* 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Nf3 Qc7 *(7...Qb8 8.Nd5* '!' *e6 9.Nb6 Ra7 10.c4 cxb4 11.d4* '±' *)*
A) 8.bxc5 e6 *(8...e5 9.Nd5 Qd8 10.Nb6 Rb8 11.Bb2* '↑' *e4 12.Nxc8* '!' *exf3 13.Bxf3 Rxc8 14.0-0 Nf6 15.d4 Be7 16.d5* '±' *)* 9.d4 '±';
B) 8.0-0 '!?' 8...cxb4 9.axb4 Nxb4 10.Ra4 e6 *(10...Nc6 11.d4 e6 12.d5* '±' *)* 11.Ba3 Nc6 *(11...a5* '?' *12.Nb5 Qd8 13.Qa1 Nxc2 14.Qc3 Nxa3 15.Nc7+* '+-' *)* 12.Nb5 Qd8 13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.Qa1 '⩲']
[3...e6 4.bxc5 Bxc5 5.d4
A) 5...Ba7 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.e5 Nge7 9.Nh3 '!?' *(9.Nf3 Qa5 10.0-0* '⩲' *)*;
B) 5...Be7 6.Bd3 Nf6 *(6...d5 7.e5 Nc6 8.c3 Bd7 9.Nh3 Na5 10.0-0* '⩲'*; 6...Nc6 7.c3 Nf6 8.Nf3 b5 9.a4 bxa4 10.Rxa4 0-0 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Re1* '⩲' *)* 7.e5 Nd5 8.Qg4 g6 9.c4 Nc7 10.Nf3 '⩲']
4.axb4 e6
[4...g6 5.d4 '⩲']
[4...e5 5.b5 d5 *(5...Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Ba3* '⩲' *)* 6.exd5 Qxd5 7.Nc3 Qd8 *(7...Qe6 8.Nf3 e4* '?' *9.Ng5 Qe5 10.Ngxe4 f5 11.Ra4* '+-' *)* 8.Bc4 Nf6 9.Nf3 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 '⩲']
[4...d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Nc3 *(6.Nf3* '!?' *Qe4+ 7.Be2 Qxb4 8.0-0 Nf6 9.d4 Bg4 10.Na3* '±' *)* 6...Qd8 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Ne5 Nf6 11.Qf3 Qc7 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.b5 e6 14.Bg2 '±']
5.Bb2
[5.b5
A) 5...b6 6.Bb2 Bb7 7.Nc3 Nf6 *(7...h5 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.e5 Ng4 10.h3 Nh6 11.Bd3⩲)* 8.e5 Nd5 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.Nf3 Be7 11.bxa6 Qc8 12.Be2 Nxa6 13.c4 Bb7 14.0-0 0-0 15.d4⩲;
B) 5...a5? 6.Nf3 b6 7.d4 Bb7 8.Bd3 Nf6 9.e5!? Nd5 10.0-0 Nb4 11.Nc3 Nxd3 12.Qxd3⩲ d6 13.d5! Nd7 *(13...dxe5?! 14.Nxe5 Bxd5 15.Rd1±)* 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Ng5 Nc5 16.Qh3 Be7 17.exd6 Qxd6 *(17...Bxg5 18.Qh5+±)* 18.Na4±;
C) 5...d5 6.e5 Bc5 7.d4 Ba7 8.Nf3 Ne7 9.Ba3 0-0 10.Bd3±;
D) 5...Bc5 6.d4 Bb6 7.Nf3⩲]

5...d5
[5...Nc6 6.b5 Nb8 7.Nf3 d6 8.d4 Nf6 9.Bd3 '±']
[5...Qb6 6.b5 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Nf3 '±']
[5...Nf6 6.e5 Nd5 7.b5 a5 *(7...Bc5* '?!' *8.d4 Bb4+ 9.c3 Be7 10.Bd3 Qb6 11.Nf3* '±' *)* 8.Nf3 b6 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.Be4 Qc7 11.0-0 '⩲']
[5...d6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.b5 '⩲']
6.exd5 exd5 7.Nf3 Nf6
[7...Nc6 8.b5 Nb4 9.bxa6 bxa6 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Re1+ Be7 14.Ne5 Qc7 15.c3 Nc6 16.Qa4 Rc8 17.c4 dxc4 18.Qxa6 '+-']
8.b5 a5 9.Qe2+ Qe7 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nc3 Qxe2+ 12.Bxe2 Be6 13.Nd4 Nd7 14.Bh5 Sciborowski,M-Markus,R Varna (Bulgaria) 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '⩲'
2...Qa5 3.b4 '!?'
[3.c3 b5 *(3...Nc6 4.Nf3 e5 5.Bc4 b5 6.Bd5 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.Nxe5* '⩲' *)* 4.b4 cxb4 5.cxb4 Qb6 6.Nc3 a6 7.d4 '±']
3...cxb4 4.Bb2 bxa3
[4...d6 5.Nf3 e5 6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0 Nb6 8.Bb3 Be7 9.axb4 Qxb4 10.d4 '±']
5.Nxa3 Qd8 6.Nf3 d6 7.d4 Nf6 8.Bd3 e6 9.0-0 '⩱' 9...Be7 10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 Nd5 12.Be4 Nc6 13.Nb5 0-0 14.c4 Ndb4 15.Qb1 g6 16.Rd1 Qb6 17.Nd6 Qc7 18.c5 '±'

[20] **3...cxb4** 4.axb4 a6
[4...Nf6 5.Nc3]
[4...Nc6 5.b5]
[4...g6 5.Nc3 *(5.d4* '!?' *Bg7 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0* '↑' *)* 5...Bg7 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.d4
A) 7...Bg4 8.Be2
A1) 8...Qb6 '?!' 9.e5 Nfd7 10.Nd5 Qd8 11.Bg5 f6 12.exd6 fxg5 '?' *(12...exd6 13.Bf4 Nb6 14.Ne3* '±' *)* 13.Nc7+ Kf8 14.Nxg5 '+-';
A2) 8...0-0 9.0-0 '⩲';
B) 7...0-0 8.h3 *(8.Be2 Bg4 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Be2* '⩲' *)* 8...Qb6 *(8...Qc7 9.Bd2 a6 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Ne2 a5 12.0-0* '!' *b6 13.d5 Ne5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.c4 Bb7 16.bxa5 bxa5 17.Qa4* '±'*; 8...a6 9.b5 Nbd7 10.Bd3 e5 11.Be3* '⩲' *)* 9.b5 Nbd7 *(9...Bd7* '?!' *10.e5 Ne8 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.Bg5 f6 13.exf6 exf6 14.Be3* '±' *)* 10.Bd3 e5 11.Be3 exd4 12.Bxd4 '⩲']
[4...e5 5.Bc4
A) 5...Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 *(6...Bg4 7.Nge2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd5 Nbd7 10.d3* '⩲'*; 6...h6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4* '⩲' *)* 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 *(8...Nxe4 9.Nxe4 d5 10.Bxd5 Qxd5 11.Nc3 Qe6 12.Re1 f6 13.b5* '⩲'*; 8...Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b5 Nbd7 11.d3 d5 12.Bd2* '⩲' *)* 9.b5 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 *(11...Nxe4* '?' *12.Qe2 Bf5 13.d3* '+-' *)* 12.Bxd5 '⩲';
B) 5...Nc6 6.b5 *(6.c3 Nf6 7.Qb3* '↑' *)* 6...Nd4 7.Ne2 Bg4 *(7...Nxe2 8.Qxe2*

Nf6 9.0-0 '⩲' *)* 8.c3 Nxe2 9.Bxe2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nf6 11.0-0 Be7 12.c4 0-0 13.Nc3 '⩲']

[4...Bd7 5.d4 Nf6 6.Bd3 d5 '?!' 7.e5 Ng4 *(7...Ne4* '?' *8.f3* '+-' *)* 8.c3 '±']

[4...Qb6 5.b5

A) 5...Nf6 6.Nc3 g6 *(6...Ng4 7.d4 e5* '?' *8.Nd5 Qd8 9.b6* '+-' *)* 7.d4 *(7.g3 Bg7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nge2)* 7...Bg7 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Ra3 Nbd7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 0-0 13.Bd3 '⩲';

B) 5...Bd7 6.Nc3 a6 '?!' *(6...Nf6 7.Bc4 e6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0* '±' *a5 11.Ba3 Re8 12.d4 Qc7 13.e5 Rc8 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Bd3 Qxc3 16.Bxd6* '+-' *)* 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.d4 g6 9.e5 dxe5 10.dxe5 Ng4 11.Qd4 '!' Qxd4 12.Nxd4 '±' Nxe5 '?' 13.Nd5 Kd8 14.Bd2 '!' a5 15.Rxa5 Rxa5 16.Bxa5+ Ke8 17.Bc7 '+-']

[4...d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 *(5...Nf6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bc4* '⩲' *)* 6.Nc3

A) 6...Qe5+ 7.Be2 Bg4 *(7...Nc6 8.Nf3 Qd6 9.b5 Nd4 10.Ba3 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 Qe5+ 12.Be2 Nf6 13.0-0* '±' *)* 8.d4 Bxe2 9.Ngxe2;

B) 6...Qd8 7.Nf3 a6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Ra5* '!?' *Nf6 10.Rxh5* '!' *Nxh5 11.Ne5 Nf6 12.Bb5+ Nbd7 13.Ne4* '±' *)* 8.b5 Nf6 9.d4 e6 10.Bd3 Be7 *(10...Bb4 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.Ne2 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Nbd7 14.0-0* '⩲' *)* 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 a5 13.Na4 b6 14.c4 '±']

[4...e6

A) 5.c3 Nf6 *(5...b6 6.d4 Bb7 7.Bd3 Nd7 8.Ne2* '⩲'*; 5...d5 6.e5 g6 7.d4 Bg7 8.Bd3 Ne7 9.Nf3* '±' *)* 6.f3 Be7 7.d4 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Ne2 '⩲';

B) 5.b5 '!?' b6 *(5...Nf6 6.Nc3)* 6.d4 Bb7 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.c4 *(11.Nbd2 Qc7 12.Bb2* '⩲' *)* 11...e5 12.Nc3 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.Bc2 '±';

C) 5.d4

C1) 5...d5 6.e5 Bxb4+ 7.c3 Be7;

C2) 5...Be7 6.Nf3 Nf6 *(6...d5 7.e5 Bxb4+ 8.c3 Be7 9.Bd3)* 7.Bd3 d5 *(7...Nc6 8.c3 b6 9.0-0* '⩲' *)* 8.e5 Nfd7 *(8...Ne4 9.c3 Qc7 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Ng5* '↑' *)* 9.b5 Nb6 10.Ba3 '!' 0-0 11.0-0 a6 12.bxa6 bxa6 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nbd2 Nc6 15.c3 h6 *(15...a5 16.Qb1 Qc7 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.Ng5* '!' *g6 19.Re1 a4 20.Re3 Kg7 21.Rh3 Rh8 22.Qd3)* 16.Qb3 Qc7 17.Rfb1 Rb8 18.Qa3 '±';

C3) 5...Nf6 6.Bd3 *(6.Nc3* '?!' '?!' *d5* '↑!' *)*

C3a) 6...Nbd7 7.Ne2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.c4 a6 *(9...d5 10.e5 Ne4 11.f3 Ng5 12.c5* '±' *)* 10.Nbc3 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Be3 '⩲';

C3b) 6...Be7 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.c3 Bd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.h3 '⩲' Nc6 11.b5 Na5 12.Qa4 Bd8 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Nd5 15.c4 '+-';

C3c) 6...d5 7.e5 Ne4 *(7...Nfd7 8.c3* '±' *)*

C3c1) 8.c3 f6 *(8...Be7 9.f3 Ng5 10.h4* '+-' *)* 9.f3 Ng5 10.exf6 Qxf6 11.Na3 '±';

C3c2) 8.Ne2 '!?' 8...Bxb4+ *(8...f6 9.Bxe4 dxe4 10.exf6 gxf6 11.Ng3* '±' *)* 9.c3 Be7 10.f3 Ng5 11.h4 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Bxh4+ 13.Kf1 Nc6

14.Na3 a6 15.Nb5 Be7 16.Kf2 '±']
5.d4
[5.b5 '!?'
A) 5...Nf6 6.Nc3 '!?' a5 *(6...g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.d4 0-0 9.Bd3 Qc7 10.Bb2 a5 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Na4 Nb6 13.Nxb6 Qxb6 14.h3 Bd7 15.c4* '±' *)* 7.d4 b6 8.Nf3 Bb7 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.0-0 e5 11.Re1 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c4 '⩲';
B) 5...e6 6.d4 Nf6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Qc7 10.c4 Nbd7 11.Nc3 '⩲';
C) 5...Nd7 6.d4 Ngf6 *(6...b6* '?' *7.bxa6* '±' *)* 7.Bd3 e5 8.Nf3 '⩲']
5...Nf6
[5...b5 '?' 6.Bxb5+]
[5...Bd7 '?!' 6.b5 '±']
[5...e6 6.c3 Nf6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.f4 *(8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0* '⩲' *)* 8...Qc7 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.0-0 '⩲']
[5...g6 6.h3 Nf6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 '⩲']
6.Bd3 e5
[6...g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.c4 '!?' e5 11.d5 Nh5 12.Re1 f5 13.Ng5 '±']
7.d5 Be7
[7...Bg4 8.f3 Bh5 9.Ne2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Qb6+ *(10...Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nd2)* 11.Kh1 Qxb4 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Nbc3 Qb6 14.Bb5+ Kd8 15.Qd2 '±']
8.Ne2 0-0
[8...Bg4 9.f3 Bh5 10.Be3 0-0 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Nd2 '±' '±']
9.h3 Nbd7 10.Be3 Nh5
[10...a5 '?!' 11.Nbc3 b6 12.0-0 '±']
11.0-0 De Wit,M-Noshin,A ICCF 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '⩲'

[21] **4...Nf6** '?' '?!' 5.e5 '!' 5...dxe5 6.Qf3 e4 7.Nxe4 e6 '!'
[7...Nd5 '?' 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Ng5 '!' Nf6 *(9...Bxb5 10.Qxf7+ Kd7 11.Qxd5+ Ke8 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.Nf7+* '+-'*; 9...f6 10.Ne6 Qc8 11.Qh5+ g6 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Qxd5 Qxd5 14.Nc7+ Kf7 15.Nxd5)* 10.Bc4 e6 11.Qxa8 Qc7 12.b5 '+-']
8.Nxf6+ Qxf6 9.Qxa8 Qxa1 10.Bb5+ Kd8 11.Ne2 Qe5 12.Qxa7 '±' 12...Qc7 13.Qa4 '!'
[13.Qxc7+ Kxc7 14.bxc5 Bxc5 15.Bb2 '⩲']
13...Bb7 14.bxc5 Bxc5
[14...Bxg2 15.Qd4+ Nd7 16.cxb6 Qb7 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Rg1 '±']
15.0-0 h5 16.d3 '±'
4...g6 5.h4 '!?'
[5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2]
5...Bg7 6.h5 Nc6 7.Rb1 '↑'
4...Bd7 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.b5 Nd4 7.a4 Nf6
[7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nxe2 9.Qxe2 g6 10.h3 Bd7 11.e5 '⩲']

8.Bb2 e5 9.Bc4 Be7 10.h3 0-0 11.d3 Be6 12.Nd2 '⩲'
4...a6 5.Nf3 Bg4
[5...e6 6.d4]
[5...Qc7 6.Nd5 '!?' Qb7 7.bxc5 bxc5 8.Ra2 '⩲']
6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 e5 8.Nd5 Nd7
[8...Nc6 9.c3 '±']
9.b5 a5 10.Bc4 '±'
4...Nc6 5.Nf3
[5.Rb1 '!?' Nf6 6.Nf3]
5...cxb4
[5...Nf6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.bxc5 bxc5 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.e5 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 dxe5 12.Qc6+ Nd7 13.Nd5 '⩲']
6.axb4 Nxb4 7.Ba3 Nc6 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Qe2 Nf6 10.0-0 '⯹' 10...e6
[10...g6 11.e5 '!' dxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Qxe5 Bg7 14.Rfe1 e6 15.Re3 a6 16.Bxd7+ Qxd7 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Qxg7 '+-']
11.d4 Be7 12.e5 '±' 12...dxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.e6 '!' 15...fxe6 16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Qxe6 Qd7 18.Rfe1 '+-'
4...e6 5.Nf3 Nf6
[5...Bd7 6.d4 Nf6 7.bxc5 bxc5 8.e5 cxd4 9.exf6 dxc3 10.fxg7 Bxg7 11.Qxd6 Nc6 12.Bd3 Qe7 13.Qg3 0-0 14.0-0 '±']
[5...cxb4 6.axb4 d5 '?' 7.exd5 exd5 *(7...Bxb4 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.Nd4* '±' *)* 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Qe2+ Qe7 10.Ne5 Nf6 11.0-0 a6 12.Re1 '+-']
[5...d5 '?!' 6.exd5 exd5 7.Bb5+ Bd7 *(7...Nd7* '?!' *8.0-0 Ngf6 9.Re1+ Be7 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Nc6* '+-' *)* 8.Qe2+ Qe7 9.bxc5 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 Nf6 11.Nb5 Na6 12.cxb6 axb6 13.0-0 '±']
[5...a6 6.d4 '!?' *(6.g3 Bb7 7.Bg2 Nd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.d3 Ngf6 10.Qe2 0-0* '⩱' *)* 6...cxd4 7.Qxd4 Nc6 8.Qe3 Be7 9.Bb2 Nf6 *(9...Bf6* '?!' *10.Rd1* '↑' *)* 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.Na4 Rb8 12.b5 axb5 13.Nc3 '⩲' b4 '?' 14.Nb5 Qd7 15.e5 '±' Nd5 16.Rxd5 '!' exd5 17.exd6 0-0 18.dxe7 Re8 19.Qg5 '±']
[5...Be7 6.d4 '!?' cxd4 7.Qxd4 Bb7 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.Nd5 '!'
A) 9...exd5 10.exd5 Bf6 11.Qe3+ '↑' Nge7 *(11...Kf8 12.dxc6 Bxc6 13.Bxc6 Rc8 14.Nd4 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 Rxc6 16.0-0 Rxc2 17.Bf4* '±' *)* 12.dxc6 '+-';
B) 9...Nf6 10.Nxe7 Qxe7 11.Bg5 0-0 12.Qe3 h6 13.Bh4 '⩲']
6.bxc5 bxc5
[6...dxc5 7.e5 Nfd7 *(7...Nd5 8.Ne4* '↑' *)* 8.d4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Bb7 *(9...Bc5* '?' *10.Qe4* '+-' *)* 10.Qf4 Qc8 11.Bb2 Be7 12.Be2 '↑']
7.Rb1 Be7
[7...Nc6 8.d4 '!?' cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bd7 10.Ndb5 Rb8 11.Be2 '!' *(11.Nxd6+ Bxd6 12.Qxd6 Rxb1 13.Nxb1 Nxe4 14.Qf4 Qb6* '∓' *)* 11...Be7 12.Nxd6+ Bxd6 13.Qxd6 Rxb1 14.Nxb1 Nxe4 15.Qd3 '⩲' Nf6 16.0-0 0-0 17.Rd1 Qc7 18.Nc3 Rc8 19.Nb5 '⩲']
8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.f4 a6 11.Qf3 Ra7 12.Bd3 Nbd7
[12...Bb7 13.Qg3 0-0 14.0-0 '↑']

13.Nc4 Bb7 14.Qf2 0-0 15.0-0 '↑' 15...Bc6 16.Qe2 Rb7 17.Rxb7 Bxb7 18.f5 e5 19.Bb2 Qc6 20.Re1 '±'

[22] **5...g6** 6.bxc5 dxc5
[6...bxc5?! 7.Rb1
A) 7...Qd7 8.Bc4 *(8.e5 Bg7 9.Bc4↑; 8.Bb5!? Bc6 9.Bc4 Bg7 10.0-0 Nh6 11.d4 0-0 12.h3±)* 8...Bg7 9.Ng5↑;
B) 7...Bc6 8.Bc4!? Bg7 9.0-0 Nd7 *(9...Nf6 10.e5±)* 10.d4
B1) 10...Qc7? 11.Ng5 e6 *(11...Nh6 12.Bxf7+! Nxf7 13.Ne6+-)* 12.Bxe6!+-;
B2) 10...Rc8 11.Ng5 e6 *(11...Nh6 12.Bxf7+ Nxf7 13.Ne6 Qa5 14.Nxg7+ Kf8 15.Ne6+ Ke8 16.Bd2+-)* 12.Bxe6!? *(12.d5!? Bxc3 13.dxc6 Rxc6 14.e5 Bxe5 15.Qf3 Bxh2+ 16.Kxh2 Ne5 17.Qf4 Nf6 18.Bb5+-)* 12...fxe6 13.Nxe6 Qe7 14.Nxg7+ Qxg7 15.d5 Ba8 16.Nb5 Qe7 17.Bf4 Ne5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.f4 Qe7 20.e5]
7.Bb5+ Bc6
[7...Nd7? 8.Ne5 Ngf6 9.Qf3 Qb8 *(9...Bc8 10.Nd5 a6 11.Nc6+-)* 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.Qxf7+ Kd8 12.Nxd7 Kxd7 13.0-0±]
[7...Nc6 8.Ne5
A) 8...Qc7? 9.d4! a6 10.Nd5 Qd6 11.Bf4 axb5 12.dxc5 bxc5 *(12...Qxc5?? 13.Nc7#)* 13.Nxc6 e5 *(13...Qxc6 14.Nc7+ Qxc7 15.Bxc7±)* 14.Bxe5 Qxc6 15.Nc7+ Ke7 16.Nd5+ Ke8 17.Bxh8 f5 18.f3+-;
B) 8...Qd6! 9.Nc4 *(9.d4!? Bg7 10.Qf3↑)* 9...Qe6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Bb2 *(11.Nd5 0-0-0⇄)* 11...Nf6 12.Nd5 0-0 13.Nc7 Qxe4 14.Nxa8 Bxa8 15.f3±;
C) 8...Rc8? 9.Qf3 Nf6 10.0-0 a6 *(10...Bg7 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Bxc6+ Rxc6 13.e5+-; 10...Qc7 11.d4 cxd4 12.Bf4 dxc3 13.Nxc6+-)* 11.Bxc6+ Bxc6 12.Nxc6 Rxc6 13.e5+-]
8.Qe2
[8.a4!? Bg7 9.0-0↑]
8...Bg7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bxc6+ Nxc6 11.Rb1 b5 12.Bb2 Nd4
[12...Nf6 13.e5 Nd5 14.e6 0-0 15.exf7+ Rxf7 16.Qe4 Nxc3 17.dxc3 Qe8 18.c4±]
13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Na2 Nf6 15.e5 Nd5 16.Bxd4 Nf4 17.Qe4 Ne2+ 18.Qxe2 Qxd4 19.Rfe1 Rd8 20.Nb4 Qxd2 21.Nxa6 0-0 22.g3± Chapter-Games Game 1
5...cxb4 6.axb4 e6 7.d4 d5?!
[7...Qc8 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.Bd3±]
8.Bb5+ Nd7 9.Ne5 Ngf6 10.Bg5 Bxb4 11.0-0+-
5...Nc6 6.d4!?
[6.bxc5 dxc5! 7.Bb5 a6 8.Bxc6+ Bxc6∞]
6...cxd4
[6...g6 7.bxc5 dxc5 8.d5 Bg7 9.Qd3 Nd4 10.Nxd4 cxd4 11.Nb5 Nf6 12.Bb2 0-0 13.f3±]
7.Nxd4 Nf6

[7...g6 8.Bb5 Rc8 9.Bb2 Bg7 10.Nd5 Nf6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Ba6 Rb8 13.Nxf6+±]
8.Bb5 a6
[8...Rc8 9.Bg5 e6 10.Qf3 a6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Bxa6±]
9.Nxc6 Qc7 10.Nd4+ axb5 11.Ndxb5±

5...Nd7 6.bxc5 dxc5 7.d4 Ngf6
[7...cxd4 8.Qxd4 e6 9.Bb5 a6 10.Qxd7+ Qxd7 11.Bxd7+ Kxd7 12.Na4±]
8.e5 Nd5 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.e6!? fxe6
[10...Bxe6 11.d5 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bb5 a6 14.Bc6 Rc8 15.g4 Bg6 16.Ne5±]
11.Ng5 cxd4 12.Qxd4 Qc7 13.c4 Bb7 14.Be3±

5...e6 6.bxc5!? bxc5
[6...dxc5 7.Bb5+
A) 7...Nd7 8.Ne5 Ngf6 9.Qf3 Qe7 *(9...a6?? 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.Qxf7#; 9...Bc8 10.Bc6 Rb8 11.a4±)* 10.a4 a6 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.Nc4 g6 13.Qg3±;
B) 7...Nc6 8.Ne5 Qc7 *(8...Rc8 9.Qh5! g6 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Bxc6+ Rxc6 13.e5 Nd5 14.Ne4 Bg7 15.c4 Ne7 16.Nf6+ Kf8 17.0-0↑)* 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Bb2 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.a4 0-0 15.Qg4 d4 16.f4↑;
C) 7...Bc6 8.a4 Nf6 9.Ne5 Bxb5 10.axb5 Bd6 11.Nc4 Bc7 12.f4 0-0 13.Qf3±]
7.Rb1 Qc8
[7...Bc6 8.d4 cxd4 *(8...Nf6 9.d5 exd5 10.exd5 Bd7 11.Bd3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Rb7 Re8 16.Bg5± Nbd7? 17.Bb5+-)* 9.Nxd4
A) 9...Qd7 10.Nxc6 Nxc6 11.Bb5 Be7 *(11...g6 12.0-0 Bg7 13.Nd5 Rc8 14.Qf3±)* 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Nd5 exd5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Rc8 16.Rb4 0-0 17.Rc4+-;
B) 9...a6! 10.Nxc6 Nxc6 11.Be2 Nf6 12.0-0 Be7 13.Be3±]
8.Bb5+ Nd7
[8...Bc6 9.Qe2!? Bxb5 10.Qxb5+ Nc6 11.d4 Rb8 12.Qa4 Rxb1 13.Nxb1 Nf6 14.Nc3±]
9.d3 Ngf6
[9...Be7 10.e5 d5 11.0-0 a6 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Na4 Rb8 14.c4 d4 15.Bg5 Nh6 16.Nb6 Qc6 *(16...Qc7 17.Qa4+ Bc6?! 18.Nd5!±)* 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Qd2±]
10.e5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Bd6 12.Nc4 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Na5! Ba6 15.Bf4 e5
[15...Nd5?! 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Bc6±]
[15...Bxb5!? 16.Rxb5 Nd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Re1 Bf6 19.Nb7↑]
16.Bg3 Bxb5 17.Rxb5 Qa6 18.Nc4 Rfb8 19.a4 Qc6 20.Bxe5 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Qc7 22.Nc4±

[23] **6...Nxe4** '?' '?' 7.Bb5+ Nd7

[7...Nc6 8.Nxe4+-]

8.c6

6...bxc5 7.Rb1 Qc7

[7...Ba6? 8.Rxb8 Rxb8 9.Bxa6+-]

[7...Bc6 8.e5

A) 8...Nd5? 9.Nxd5! Bxd5 10.Bb5+

A1) 10...Bc6 11.e6 fxe6 12.Ng5 Qd7 13.Bxc6 Qxc6 *(13...Nxc6 14.Qf3±)* 14.Qg4**±**;

A2) 10...Nd7 11.c4 Be4 12.d3 Bf5 13.0-0**±**;

B) 8...dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 *(9...Bd7? 10.Qf3+-)* 10.Nxc6 Nxc6 11.Ba6 e6 12.Rb7 Qe5+ 13.Qe2 Qxe2+ 14.Kxe2 Nd4+ 15.Kd1 Bd6 *(15...Ng4 16.Ne4 f5 17.h3 Ne5 18.Ng5±)* 16.Nb5 Nxb5 17.Bxb5+ Kf8 18.a4**±**]

[7...Qc8 8.Bb5+ Nbd7 *(8...Bc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxb5 11.Nxb5 a6 12.Qf3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 axb5 14.Rxb5±)* 9.e5

A) 9...dxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxg2 *(10...a6 11.Ba4 g6 12.Qe2 Bg7 13.Rxb7! Qxb7 14.Bc6 Qb8 15.Nd5 0-0 16.Nxe7+ Kh8 17.Bxd7 Ra7 18.Ba4 Rxe7 19.Nxg6+ hxg6 20.Qxe7±)* 11.Rg1 Bh3 12.d3 a6 13.Bc6 Rb8 14.Rxb8 Qxb8 15.Bf4 Qd8 16.Qf3 Bf5 17.Ba4 e6 18.Qb7 Be7 19.Rxg7+-;

B) 9...Nd5 10.e6!? fxe6 11.Ng5 Nxc3 *(11...e5?? 12.Qf3 Nf4 13.Bxd7+ Kxd7 14.Rxb7++-)* 12.dxc3 Bxg2 13.Qe2! Bxh1 14.Qxe6 Kd8 15.Qf7 Nf6 16.Ne6+ Qxe6+ 17.Qxe6**±**]

[7...Bxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bb5+ Nd7 10.Bc6 Nef6 *(10...Nxf2 11.Kxf2 Rb8 12.Rxb8 Qxb8 13.Ng5! Qc7 14.Qf3 f6 15.Ne6+-; 10...Rb8 11.Rxb8 Qxb8 12.Bxe4+-)* 11.Bxa8 Qxa8 12.0-0

A) 12...e6 13.Qe2 *(13.c4!? Be7 14.Qb3 0-0 15.Qb7±)* 13...Be7 *(13...h6 14.Qa6 Nb6? 15.Rxb6+-)* 14.Qa6 0-0 15.Rb7 Rb8 16.Rxa7 Qd5 17.d3**±**;

B) 12...e5 13.Qe2 Be7 14.Qa6 0-0 15.Rb7 e4 16.Nh4 g6 17.Qxa7 Qxa7 18.Rxa7 Rd8 19.g3**±**;

C) 12...g6 13.Qe2

C1) 13...a6 14.Re1 e6 *(14...e5 15.Qd3 Be7 16.Qb3 0-0 17.Qb7±)* 15.Ng5! Bg7 16.Nxf7 Kxf7 17.Qxe6+ Kf8 18.Bb2+-;

C2) 13...Bg7 14.Re1 e6 15.Qa6 d5 *(15...0-0 16.Qxd6±)* 16.Rb7 0-0 17.Qxa7 Qxa7 18.Rxa7 c4 19.Bb2 Rb8 20.Bd4**±**;

D) 12...Ng4 13.Qe2 Nde5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 *(14...dxe5 15.Qxg4+-)* 15.Qa6 f6 16.Rb7 Kf7 17.f4 Ng4 18.Qc4+ Kg6 *(18...Ke8 19.Qa4+ Kf7 20.Qb3+ Ke8 21.Rb8++-)* 19.f5+ Kh6 20.d3++-]

8.Nb5 Qc8

[8...Qc6? 9.Nxd6+ Qxd6 *(9...exd6? 10.Bb5+-)* 10.Rxb7+-]

9.e5 dxe5

[9...Nfd7?! 10.exd6 exd6 11.Qe2+ Ne5 *(11...Kd8 12.Ng5 Bd5 13.c4+-)* 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Qxe5+ Kd8 14.Bc4+-]

[9...Nd5?! 10.exd6 exd6 11.Qe2+ Kd8 *(11...Kd7? 12.Ng5 Qe8 13.Qxe8+ Kxe8 14.Nxd6+ Bxd6 15.Rxb7+-)* 12.Qc4**±**]

10.Nxe5 a6
[10...Nbd7 11.Qe2!? a6 12.Nc4! Be4 13.Nc3 Qc6 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Qf3 Rc8 16.g3±]
11.Nc3 Qc7 12.Nc4 Nbd7 13.Na5 Bc8 14.Qf3 Rb8 15.Rxb8 Nxb8 16.Qg3! Qxg3 17.hxg3 e6 18.f3! Bd6 19.g4 Bg3+ 20.Kd1 0-0 21.g5 Nfd7 22.Ne4 Bc7 23.Nb3± Bb6 24.Bd3 g6 25.a4

[24] **7.e5!?** Nd5 8.e6 Nxc3
[8...fxe6 9.Bb2±]
9.exf7+ Kxf7 10.Ne5+ Ke8
[10...Ke6? 11.Qg4+ Kxe5 12.dxc3]
[10...Kf6 11.Qh5 g6 12.Qh3! Na4 13.Bc4 Bc8 14.Qf3+ Kxe5 15.Qxa8]
11.dxc3
[11.Qh5+ g6∞]
11...Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Nc6 13.Bb5 Rc8 14.Re1! e6 15.Bf4 Be7 16.a4 Kf8 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Rxe6 Bxg2 19.a5↑

[25] **7...Bc6** 8.e5 Nd5 9.e6
7...Nfd7!∞
8.e5 '!' 8...Nd5 '?'
[8...Ng4 9.h3 Nh6 10.e6 fxe6 11.Ne5 Bc8 12.Qf3]
9.e6 fxe6 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Ne5 Bc8 12.Qf3 Qc7 13.Qf7+ Kd8 14.Nc6+

[26] **5.f4** '!?' 5...Nc6
[5...exf4 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Nc6 8.bxc5 dxc5 9.e5 Ng4 10.Bd5 Bd7 11.0-0 Be7 12.d3 '±' g5 '?' 13.Nxg5 Bxg5 14.Ne4]
6.Nf3 Bg4
[6...cxb4 7.axb4 Nxb4 8.Ba3 Nc6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.fxe5 '±']
7.Bb5 Qc7 8.Nd5 Qb7 9.bxc5 dxc5 10.h3 '±'

[27] **6.f4** '!?' 6...exf4 7.Nf3 '↑'

[28] **6...Be7** '?' 7.Nxf6+ Bxf6 8.Bd5 '+-'
6...Nxe4 '?' 7.d3 Ng5
[7...Nf6 8.Qf3 e4 9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.Qxf6 gxf6 11.Bd5 '+-']
8.Bxg5 Qxg5 9.Qf3 e4
[9...Qd8 10.Nc3 '+-']
10.Qxe4+ Qe5 11.Nc7+ Kd7 12.Qxe5 dxe5 13.Nxa8 '+-'

[29] **8.d3** Be7
[8...cxb4 9.Nh3 '!' bxa3 10.0-0 Be7 11.Bg5 Qg6 12.Bxe7 Kxe7 13.f4 f6 14.Rxa3 Rd8 15.d4 Qxe4 16.Rg3 g6 17.Re1 '±']
[8...d5 '?!' 9.exd5 cxb4 10.Nf3 '±' bxa3 11.Bb5+ Nd7 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Bxd7+

Kxd7 14.c4 '±']
9.Ne2 cxb4
[9...0-0 10.Nc3 Qg6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Re1 Nf6 13.Re3 '↑']
10.axb4 d5 11.Bxd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Bxb4+ 13.c3 Be7 14.Ng3 0-0 15.Ra4 '!?'
15...Bc5
[15...Rc8 '?' 16.Rg4 Bc5 *(16...Rxc3* '??' *17.Ne4* '+-'*; 16...Nd7* '?' *17.Bg5 Qd6 18.Nf5* '+-' *)* 17.Ne4 Qd8 18.Bg5 '!' Be7 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Rxg7+ Kxg7 21.Qg4+ Kf8 22.Qxc8+ Kg7 23.Ng3 Qc5 24.Qb7 Qxc3+ 25.Ke2 Qc2+ 26.Ke3 Qc5+ 27.Kf3 '+-']
16.0-0 Nd7 17.Qg4 De Las Heras,A-Markus,R Game 4 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '±'

30 Primel,Dominique: 'RR' **4...cxb4** 5.axb4 g6 ChessCalisthenics: '?'
[5...Nc6 6.b5
A) 6...Nb4 7.Ba3 *(7.Ra4 a5 8.bxa6 Nxa6 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Nf3* '⩲' *)* 7...a5 8.f3 *(8.Bxb4 Bg4* '!' *9.f3 axb4 10.Na2 b3 11.cxb3 Bd7 12.Nc3* '⩲' *)* 8...Bd7 *(8...g6 9.Bxb4 axb4 10.Rxa8* '±' *)* 9.Na4 e5 10.c3 Nxe4 '!' 11.fxe4 Qh4+ 12.g3 Qxe4+ 13.Kf2 Qxh1 14.cxb4 Qxh2+ 15.Bg2 axb4 16.Bxb4 Be7 '∓';
B) 6...Nd4 7.Nge2 '!'
B1) 7...Bg4 '?!' 8.f3
B1a) 8...Nxf3+ '?!' 9.gxf3 Bxf3 10.Rg1 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Nc3 Bg6 13.Qf3 Qb6 14.Ra6 '!' Bh5 *(14...Qxg1 15.Qxb7 Rd8 16.Qc6+ Rd7 17.b6* '+-'*; 14...Qc7 15.b6 Qc8 16.Bb5+ Kd8 17.Rxg6 hxg6 18.Qxf7* '+-' *)* 15.Qg2 '+-';
B1b) 8...Nxe2 9.Qxe2 Be6 10.Qe3 '±';
B2) 7...Nxe2 8.Bxe2 e6 9.d4 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qd3 Qc7 12.Bf4 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.b6 '!' Qxb6 15.Bxe5 Be6 16.Rfb1 '±';
C) 6...Ne5
C1) 7.d4 Ned7 8.Nf3 *(8.Bc4 Qc7 9.Qd3 Nb6 10.Bb3 g6 11.Nf3 Bg7 12.0-0 0-0 13.h3* '⩲' *)* 8...e5 9.Bc4 '⩲';
C2) 7.f4
C2a) 7...Bg4 8.Be2 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Ng6 10.Nh3 Qb6 11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 Nd7 13.Na4 Qd4 14.Bb2 Qh4+ 15.Nf2 '±';
C2b) 7...Ng6 8.f5 '!?' Ne5 9.d4 Qc7 '!' 10.Bd2 '!?' *(10.Bb2 Nc4 11.Bxc4 Qxc4 12.Ra4 Qc7 13.Qe2 e6 14.Nh3* '↑' *)* 10...Nc4 *(10...Ned7 11.Bd3 Nb6 12.Nge2 g6 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Qe1 0-0 15.Qh4* '±' *)* 11.Bxc4 Qxc4 12.Ra4 Qc7 13.Nf3 e6 14.0-0 '⩲' exf5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Re1+ Be7 17.Qe2 '±';
C2c) 7...Ned7 8.Nf3
C2c1) 8...b6 '?' 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Ng4 *(10...Ng8 11.e6 fxe6 12.Ng5 Ndf6 13.Qf3 Bd7 14.Bc4* '±' *)* 11.Qe2 *(11.e6* '!?' *fxe6 12.Bc4* '±' *)* 11...Bb7 *(11...e6* '?' *12.Qe4* '+-' *)* 12.e6 fxe6 13.Qxe6 '±';
C2c2) 8...e5 9.Bc4 '⩲';

C2c3) 8...e6 9.d4 Be7 *(9...d5* '?!' *10.e5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Ng5* '±' *)* 10.e5 Nd5 11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Bd3 De Wit,T-Markus,R ICCF 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '↑']

[5...d5 6.e5

A) 6...Ne4 7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.Bb2 Bf5 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.Ne2 e6 *(10...a6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Nd4* '±' *)* 11.Nd4 '±';

B) 6...d4 7.Nb5 Ng4 8.f4 '!?' Nc6 9.Bb2 Nh6 10.Nf3 Nf5 11.g4 Nh6 12.h3 '±']

[5...Nbd7 6.g3 *(6.d4* '!?' *e5 7.d5* '⩲' *)* 6...e6 *(6...g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nge2 a6 9.0-0 Rb8 10.f4 0-0 11.d4 Qb6 12.Qd3! Qxb4 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Ng4 15.Nd5 Qb5 16.Nxe7+ Kh8 17.Qxb5 axb5 18.c3±)* 7.Bg2 Be7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 '⩲']

[5...e6

A) 6.g3 '?!' d5;

B) 6.d4 d5;

C) 6.b5 '!?'

C1) 6...Be7 7.d4 '!?'

C1a) 7...d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.c3 '±';

C1b) 7...Qc7 8.Bb2 *(8.Qd3 d5 9.e5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Qc4* '⩲' *)* 8...d5 '!' 9.e5 Bb4 10.Nge2 Ne4 '∞';

C1c) 7...0-0 8.Nf3 b6 *(8...a6 9.Bd3)* 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bb2 e5 13.Nd5 '!' Nxd5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.dxe5 Bb7 '?' *(15...h6 16.Bf5* '!?' *Bxf3 17.gxf3* '!' *Nxe5 18.f4 Ng6 19.Re3* '↑' *)* 16.exd6 Qxd6 *(16...Bxd6* '?' *17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Qd3 g6 20.Qh3* '+-' *)* 17.Nh4 g6 18.Nf5 gxf5 19.Bxf5 Qxd1 20.Raxd1 Bf6 21.Rxd7 Bxb2 22.Rxb7 Rfe8 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Kf1 '±';

C2) 6...d5 7.e5 Nfd7 *(7...d4 8.Na4 Nd5 9.Bb2* '±'*; 7...Ne4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Ra4 Qd5 10.Bb2 Nd7 11.Nh3 Nxe5 12.Nf4 Qd6 13.Rxe4 Nd7 14.Qh5 Nc5 15.Be5 Qd8 16.Re3* '±' *)* 8.d4 Bb4 9.Bd2 Qc7 10.Nb1 Be7 *(10...Bxd2+ 11.Nxd2 0-0 12.Bd3* '↑' *)* 11.Nf3 *(11.Bd3* '?' *Nxe5* '∓' *)* 11...Nb6 12.Ba5 '!' 0-0 13.Bd3 N8d7 14.0-0 '±';

D) 6.Nf3

D1) 6...a6 7.b5 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Bd3 a5 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qe2 b6 '?!' *(11...e5 12.Na4 exd4 13.Bb2 Nc5 14.Bxd4* '⩲' *)* 12.e5 Nd5 *(12...dxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.e6 Nc5 16.exf7+ Rxf7 17.Ne5* '±' *)* 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.e6 Nf6 *(14...fxe6 15.Qxe6+ Kh8 16.Qxd5* '±' *)* 15.exf7+ Rxf7 16.Ng5 Rf8 17.Nxh7 Nxh7 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Qxd5+ '+-';

D2) 6...b6 7.Bb5+ *(7.d4 d5* '!' *)* 7...Bd7 *(7...Nbd7* '?!' *8.Bc6 Rb8 9.Rxa7* '±' *)* 8.0-0 '!?' *(8.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.Nd4 a6 11.b5 axb5 12.Ba3* '⩲' *)* 8...Nc6 9.d4 '!' *(9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Qe2 Be7 11.b5 Bb7 12.Ra4 0-0 13.Ba3 Qc7 14.Ra1* '⩲' *)* 9...Nxb4 10.Ba3 '⩱'

D2a) 10...Bxb5 11.Nxb5 d5 *(11...Nc6 12.d5 Na5 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Ng5*

Qd7 15.Nxe6 '±' *)* 12.exd5 Nbxd5 *(12...Nfxd5* '?' *13.c4 Nc7 14.Nxc7+ Qxc7 15.Bxb4 Bxb4 16.Qa4+* '+-' *)* 13.c4 Nc7 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Nxa7 '±';

D2b) 10...d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Ng5 Qc6 15.c3 Nd5 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qh5 '±';

D2c) 10...a5 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.Nb5 '!' d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.c4 Nc7 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Bxd6 Nf6 17.Ba3 '±';

D3) 6...Be7 7.Be2

D3a) 7...b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.d3 Nbd7 10.Bb2 a6 11.Qd2 b5 12.Nd1 Rc8 13.Ne3 Qc7 14.c4 '!?' *(14.Rfc1* '⩲' *)* 14...bxc4 15.Nxc4 0-0 16.Na5 '⩲' *(16.Ne3* '⩲' *)*;

D3b) 7...0-0 8.0-0

D3b1) 8...Qb6 '?!' 9.b5 Bd7 10.d4 Rc8 11.Bd2 '±' Rxc3 12.Bxc3 Bxb5 *(12...Nxe4* '??' *13.Ba5* '+-' *)* 13.Qb1 '±';

D3b2) 8...e5 9.d4 Bg4 10.h3 '⩲' Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nc6 12.Ne2 Nxb4 13.Rb1 d5 14.dxe5 Nxe4 15.c4 '±';

D3b3) 8...b6 9.Bb2 *(9.d4* '!?' *Bb7 10.d5* '↑' *)* 9...Bb7 10.d3 Nbd7 11.Qd2 a6 *(11...d5 12.e5 Ng4 13.Nd1 Qc7 14.d4 a5 15.h3 Nh6 16.bxa5* '⩲' *)* 12.Nd1 b5 13.Ne3 Rc8 14.Nd4 *(14.c4* '!?' *bxc4 15.Nxc4 d5 16.Na5 Ba8 17.e5 Ng4 18.d4 Qb6 19.Bc3* '±' *Rxc3 20.Qxc3 Bxb4 21.Qc2* '!' *Bxa5 22.Ng5 Ngf6 23.exf6 Nxf6 24.Bxa6* '!' *Qxa6 25.Qc5* '±' *)* 14...d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 *(16...exd5 17.Bg4 Bg5 18.f4* '⩲' *)* 17.Rxa6 Ra8 '?!' *(17...Bg5 18.f4 Bf6 19.Qe3* '⩲' *)* 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Ra1 Qb7 20.Ra5 Bxg2 21.Rxb5 Qa8 22.f3 Bh3 23.Rh5 '±';

D3b4) 8...d5 9.e5 Nfd7 10.b5 Qc7 11.Kh1 '!' b6 *(11...Nxe5* '?' *12.b6* '!' *Qd6 13.Rxa7* '+-' *)* 12.Bb2 Nxe5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bxe5 *(14.Nxe5* '!?' *Bd6 15.f4 f6 16.Ng4 Bxf4 17.Ra4* '⩱' *Bd6 18.Bd3 Nd7 19.Ne3 Bb7 20.Qh5* '+-' *)* 14...Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Re1 Nd7 *(16...Bg4* '?!' *17.Nd4 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Nd7 19.Nf5 Qf6 20.Ne7+ Kh8 21.Nxd5* '±' *)* 17.d4 Nf6 18.Kg1 '⩲']

6.Bb2

[6.g3 Bg7 7.Bg2 h5 8.h3 0-0 9.Nge2 Nc6 10.b5 Ne5 11.f4 Nc4 12.d3 Nb6 13.0-0±]

6...Bg7 7.Nd5 e6 8.Nxf6+ Bxf6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.d4 0-0 ChessCalisthenics: '??' 11.Be2 e5 12.d5 Qf4 13.Bd3 f5 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.Qe3 Na6 ChessCalisthenics: '+-' 16.Nf3 Qg4 17.h3 Qh5 18.c3 fxe4 19.Bxe4 Primel,Dominique: 'Collette,B (2165)-Hauroo,H (2122)/Paris 2004/EXT 2005/1-0 (31)' ChessCalisthenics: '+-'

4...Nc6 5.bxc5 '!?'

[5.Nf3!?

A) 5...Bg4 6.h3!? Bxf3 7.Qxf3 cxb4 8.axb4 Nxb4 9.e5!? *(9.Bb5+!? Nd7 10.Ba4⩱)* 9...dxe5 *(9...Nxc2+?! 10.Kd1 Nxa1 11.exf6 a6 12.Qxb7 Qc8 13.Qb2 gxf6 14.Qxa1 Bg7 15.Qa4+±)* 10.Bb5+ Nc6 *(10...Nd7? 11.Qxb7*

Nxc2+ 12.Kd1 Nxa1 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Qxa8+ Qd8 15.Qxa7 Nb3 16.Qa4++-) 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Qxc6+ Nd7 13.Ba3 Qc8 14.Qf3 g6 15.0-0⩲ Bg7?! 16.Nd5**±**;

B) 5...e6 6.bxc5 dxc5 7.Bb5

B1) 7...Qc7 8.e5!? *(8.0-0 Bd7 9.d3 a6 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.e5 Nd7 12.Bf4 Be7 13.Re1 0-0∞; 8.Bxc6+!? Qxc6 9.d3 Be7 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Nc4 a6 12.a4±)* 8...Nd7 9.0-0 Ndxe5 10.Nxe5 Qxe5 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bb2 Be7 13.Qg4⩲ g6 14.Bxc6+ Qxc6 15.Ne4 f5 16.Qf4 0-0 17.Qe5 Kf7 18.Qg7+ Ke8 19.Ng3 Rf7 20.Qg8+ Bf8 21.Ne2↑ Bd7 22.Nf4 Rd8 23.Re3 Bc8 24.Rae1 Rd6 25.h4**±**;

B2) 7...Bd7 8.0-0 Be7 *(8...a6!? 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Ne5 Bxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Qf3 Nd6 13.Rb1 Rb8 14.Rd1⩲)* 9.e5 Nd5 10.Rb1 0-0 11.Bd3 Nxc3 *(11...b6 12.Ne2 Qc7? 13.c4)* 12.dxc3 b6 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.Qe4 g6 15.Bh6 Rfd8 16.Rfe1**±**;

C) 5...cxb4 6.axb4 Nxb4 7.Ba3 Nc6 8.d4!

C1) 8...g6 9.e5! dxe5 10.dxe5

C1a) 10...Qxd1+?! 11.Rxd1 Nd7 12.Nb5↑ Rb8 *(12...e6 13.Nc7+ Kd8 14.Bxf8! Kxc7 15.Bd6+ Kd8 16.Ng5 Ke8 17.Ba3±)* 13.e6 fxe6 14.Bb2 e5 15.Nc7+ Kd8 16.Ne6+ Ke8 17.Bb5**±**;

C1b) 10...Nd7 11.Bb5 *(11.e6? fxe6 12.Bc4 Bg7∓)* 11...a6 *(11...Bg7 12.Nd5 Ndxe5? 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bxe7 Qd7 15.Ra3+-)* 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Qe2 0-0 15.Rfd1⩲ a5 *(15...Ra7 16.Bc5 Rb7 17.Rxa6↑)* 16.Qe4 Ra6 17.Qh4⩲;

C2) 8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5!? Qxd5 11.Be2⩲ g6 12.0-0 *(12.c4!? Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bg7 14.d5! Bxa1 15.Qxa1± 0-0 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Ne5 Qc7 18.Bf3 Bb7 19.Bc5 f6 20.Ng4±)* 12...Bg7 13.c4 Qd8 14.d5 Ne5 15.Rb1 0-0 16.Re1⩲;

C3) 8...Bg4 9.Bb5 Nd7 *(9...a6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.0-0 g6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3± d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Na4±; 9...g6 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Nd5 a6 12.Be2 Bg7 13.c3 0-0 14.Ne3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3⩲)* 10.d5 Bxf3 *(10...Nce5? 11.Nxe5 Bxd1 12.Bxd7++-)* 11.gxf3 Nce5 12.f4 Ng6 *(12...a6 13.fxe5 axb5 14.e6 Ne5 15.0-0⩲)* 13.f5

C3a) 13...Nh4 14.Rg1! g6 15.Bb2 Bg7 16.Qg4 g5 17.0-0-0 h6 18.f4↑ a6 19.Bxd7+ Qxd7 20.fxg5 hxg5 21.Qxg5 Rh7 *(21...Bh6?? 22.Qxh6+-)* 22.Qf4 0-0-0 23.Rxg7 Rxg7 24.Qxh4 f6 25.Ne2**±**;

C3b) 13...Nge5 14.f4 a6 15.fxe5 *(15.Be2 Qc7 16.Qd4 Rc8 17.Nb5 axb5 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Qe3⩲)* 15...axb5 16.e6 Ne5

C3b1) 17.Qb1!? Ra5 18.Nxb5 fxe6 *(18...g6 19.Nd4↑)* 19.fxe6 g6 20.0-0 Qb6+ 21.Kg2 Qxb5 22.Qxb5+ Rxb5 23.Bb2 Kd8 24.Ra8+ Kc7 25.Bxe5 dxe5 26.Raxf8+-;

C3b2) 17.0-0 g6 *(17...Qb6+ 18.Kh1 b4? 19.Bxb4 Rxa1 20.Qxa1 Qxb4 21.Qa8#)* 18.Qe2 Bg7 19.Qxb5+ Kf8 20.Bb2⩱ Chapter-Games Game 1]

5...dxc5 6.Bc4 I like this structure -- the open b-file and the questionable placement of Black's c8 bishop for the rest of the game makes the prospects nice.
[6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Rb1 Qc7 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3↑]
4...e6 5.bxc5 dxc5 6.e5 Nd5
[6...Nfd7 7.f4 Nc6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Qe2±]
7.Ne4 Nc6 8.Bb2 Be7 9.Qg4↑ 0-0 10.Bd3 Bd7 11.Nf3
[11.c4?! f5 12.exf6 Bxf6⇄]
11...f5 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.Qh4±
4...e5 5.Bc4
[5.bxc5!? dxc5 6.Nf3↑]
5...Nc6
[5...Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.Nge2!? *(7.Nf3!? Bg4 8.h3↑)* 7...Be6 8.Nd5↑]
6.bxc5
[6.Nf3 Nxe4! 7.Nxe4 d5∞]
6...dxc5 7.d3 Nd4 8.Nd5 Be6 9.c3 Nc6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nf3 0-0 13.0-0±

[31] **5.Rb1** Primel,Dominique: '⌓'
5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Nge2 cxb4
[7...Nc6 8.Rb1]
8.axb4 Nc6
[8...Nbd7 9.0-0
A) 9...Nb6 10.d3 Be6 11.Be3 Ng4 12.Bd4±;
B) 9...Qc7 10.d3 Nxe4 *(10...e5 11.Nb5 Qb8 12.c4 Re8 13.Be3 b6 14.h3±)* 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.dxe4 Bxa1 13.c3 a5 14.Qa4±;
C) 9...Ne5 10.d4 *(10.f4 Nc4 11.d3 Nb6 12.h3↑)* 10...Nc4 11.Qd3 Nb6 12.Ra5! a6 13.f4 Qc7 14.f5↑ Qc4 15.e5 Qxd3 16.cxd3 Nfd7 17.e6 fxe6 18.fxe6 Rxf1+ 19.Kxf1 Nf6 20.d5±;
D) 9...a6 10.h3 Nb6 *(10...Rb8 11.b5±)* 11.d3 Be6 *(11...Bd7 12.f4 Bc6 13.Be3±)* 12.f4 Qc8 13.Be3↑]
[8...Bg4 9.b5 Nbd7 *(9...Qd7 10.h3 Be6 11.d3 a5 12.Be3 Rc8 13.Ra3 d5 14.e5 Ne8 15.f4 Nc7 16.Nd4±)* 10.h3 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 e6 12.Ba3 Qc7 13.0-0±]
[8...Be6 9.0-0 a5 10.b5 *(10.e5!? dxe5 11.Bxb7 Ra7 12.Bg2±)* 10...Nbd7 11.Nf4 Bc4 12.d3
A) 12...Nh5 13.Nxh5 Bxc3 14.Ra3 Bh8 *(14...Bb4 15.dxc4 Bxa3 16.Bxa3 gxh5 17.Qxh5 Ne5 18.c5±)* 15.dxc4 gxh5 16.Qxh5±;
B) 12...Ne8 13.Bd2 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 Bxb5 15.Qd2 b6 16.Rfb1 Bc6 17.Nd5⩲]
[8...a5 9.0-0 Ra6 10.b5!? *(10.bxa5!?±)* 10...Ra8 11.h3 Bd7 12.d4 *(12.d3 e5±)* 12...e5 13.Ba3±]
[8...a6 9.0-0 Bg4 *(9...b5? 10.e5+-; 9...Nc6 10.b5 Na5 11.Rb1↑)* 10.h3 Bxe2 11.Nxe2 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bxa1 13.c3! d5 14.Bg2 e6 *(14...d4 15.Nxd4 e5 16.Nb3+-)* 15.Qa4 Bxc3 16.dxc3±]

[8...Qb6 9.b5 Bd7 10.Rb1 Rc8 11.0-0 Bg4 12.h3 Bxe2 13.Nxe2 Nbd7 14.d3±]
9.b5! Ne5
[9...Nb4? 10.Ba3 Qa5 11.Qb1 Nxc2+ 12.Qxc2+-]
[9...Na5 10.d3 a6 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Rb1±]
10.h3!? a6
[10...Bd7 11.d3 a6? 12.f4+-]
[10...Be6 11.d3 a6 12.f4 Ned7 13.f5 *(13.bxa6!? Rxa6 14.Rxa6 bxa6 15.g4 Nb6 16.0-0 Qc7 17.Be3±)* 13...gxf5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Bxb7 Ra7 16.Bg2±]
11.f4 Nc4 12.d3 Nb6 13.bxa6 Rxa6 14.Be3±

[32] **7.Bb5+** Nc6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.Qf3 Bf5 10.dxe7 Qxe7 11.Nge2 0-0 12.0-0

[33] **8.c3** exd6 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.d4 0-0 11.Ne2 ChessCalisthenics: 'N' 11...Qe7 12.Bd3 d5 13.Bg5 Qxa3 14.Nf6+ Kg7 ChessCalisthenics: 'Bangiev: '?!'' 15.Qd2 Bxc3 Primel,Dominique: '??' 16.Nxc3 Qa1+ 17.Bb1 Bf5 18.0-0 Bxb1 19.Rxb1 Qa5 20.Nd7 1-0 (20) Mueller,H (2183)-Kessner,K (2040) Postal 2006 CBM 152 Extra [Westminster Papers xi Feb 1879 p221]

[34] **3...Ng8** 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.c3 '!' 6...dxc3 7.Nxc3 '⩲' 7...d6 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.Qxd6 exd6 10.Nb5 Rb8 11.Bf4 '±'

[35] **4.d4** ChessBase II: '⌓'

[36] **4...e6** 5.Nxd5 exd5 6.Qf3 '!?'
[6.d4 d6 '⇄']
6...Nc6
[6...g6 7.Qxd5 Bg7]
[6...d4 7.Bc4 Qe7 8.Qg3
A) 8...g5 '?!' 9.d3 h6 10.Nf3 '!' d6 11.0-0 Nc6 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.Re1+ Kd8 *(13...Be6 14.Qh3 Kd7 15.Bxe6+ fxe6 16.Nxg5 Nd8 17.b4* '±' *)* 14.Nxg5 '!' hxg5 15.Bxg5+ Kd7 16.Bf4 Qg6 17.Be6+ '!' Qxe6 18.Rxe6 fxe6 19.Re1 Be7 20.Qg6 Kd8 21.h4 '+-!';
B) 8...f6 9.f4 g5 *(9...d6 10.Nf3)* 10.Nh3 fxe5 *(10...gxf4 11.Nxf4 Qxe5+ 12.Kf2 Qf5 13.Re1+ Kd8 14.d3 Nc6 15.Kg1 Ne5 16.Nd5* '±' *)* 11.fxe5 d6 12.0-0 dxe5 13.d3 h6 14.Nxg5 '!' hxg5 15.Bxg5 Qc7 *(15...Qd6 16.Rf6 Qc7 17.Bf7+* '+-' *)* 16.Bf6 Rh7 17.Qg6+ '+-';
C) 8...g6 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.d3 h6 *(10...0-0 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Bg5 Qe8 13.Rae1* '±' *)* 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Re1 b6 13.Nh4 '!' *(13.Bd2 Bb7 14.Re2 0-0-0 15.Rae1* '±' *)*
C1) 13...Bxe5 '?' 14.Bf4 '+-';
C2) 13...d6 '?' 14.e6 fxe6 *(14...Ne5 15.exf7+ Kd8 16.Nxg6* '+-' *)* 15.Nxg6 '+-';

C3) 13...Bb7 14.f4 0-0-0 15.b4 '±';

D) 8...Nc6 9.Nf3 '!?' d6 10.0-0

D1) 10...dxe5 11.Ng5 '!'

D1a) 11...Be6 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.d3 '↑' 0-0-0 '?' *(13...h6 14.b4* '±' *)* 14.Bg5 Qd6 15.Bxd8 Nxd8 16.Rae1 '±';

D1b) 11...Nd8 12.Re1 f6 13.f4 h6 14.Ne4 '!' Nc6 *(14...f5* '?' *15.Nxc5 e4 16.Qg6+ Nf7 17.Nxe4 Kd8 18.Bxf7 fxe4 19.Rxe4* '+-' *)* 15.b4 '!' Bf5 *(15...cxb4 16.axb4 exf4 17.Qxf4 Ne5 18.Bb2* '!' *Nxc4 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Qxf6 Rg8 21.Bxd4 Bh3 22.Rxe7+ Bxe7 23.Re1 Rxg2+ 24.Kh1 0-0-0 25.Qxe7* '+-' *)* 16.Nxc5 0-0-0 *(16...e4* '?!' *17.d3 e3 18.Bxe3* '+-' *)* 17.d3 h5 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Bf4 h4 20.Qf2 g6 21.c3 '±';

D2) 10...Be6 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Qg4

D2a) 13...Be7 14.Re1 0-0 15.Rxe6 Qd7 16.d3 Rf6 17.Re4 Qxg4 18.Rxg4 '±';

D2b) 13...Ne5 14.Qh5+ Ng6 15.Re1 Be7 *(15...d3* '?' *16.Ne5* '+-!' *)* 16.Qg4 e5 17.d3 0-0 18.h4 Bf6 19.Qe4 '±';

D2c) 13...0-0-0 14.d3 h5 15.Qe4 Be7 16.Re1 Kd7 *(16...Rdf8 17.Qxe6+* '±' *)* 17.b4 cxb4 18.axb4 a6 *(18...Nxb4* '?' *19.Rxa7* '+-' *)* 19.Ba3 '±';

D3) 10...Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Qxe5 *(11...dxe5 12.Re1 f6 13.f4 Be6 14.fxe5 f5 15.Qb3 Bxc4 16.Qxc4 0-0-0 17.d3* '±' *)* 12.Qb3 Qf6 13.Qb5+ Kd8 14.Re1 Kc7 15.Bd5 Qf5 16.Qb3 '±' d3 17.Bxf7 dxc2 18.d4 '↑!';

E) 8...d6 9.Nh3 '!?'

E1) 9...Bxh3 10.Qxh3 Qxe5+ 11.Kd1 Kd8 12.Bxf7 '±';

E2) 9...Qxe5+ 10.Qxe5+ dxe5 11.Ng5 Be6 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Bxe6 '±';

E3) 9...f6 '?' 10.0-0 dxe5 11.f4 e4 12.Re1 f5 13.Ng5 Qf6 14.d3 e3 15.Nf7 Rg8 16.Bxe3 dxe3 17.Rxe3+ Be7 18.Rae1 Nc6 19.Ne5 '+-';

E4) 9...dxe5 10.Ng5 f6 *(10...Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe5* '±' *)* 11.Nf7 Rg8 12.Nd6+ Qxd6 13.Bxg8 '±';

E5) 9...Be6 10.Bxe6 Qxe6 11.0-0 '!' dxe5 12.f4 e4 13.Ng5 Qd5 14.Nxe4 Nc6 15.d3 f5 16.Ng5 0-0-0 17.Bd2 '±' h6 18.Nf3 Bd6 19.Qg6 *(19.Qxg7* '?' *Rdg8 20.Qf6 Be7* '-+' *)* 19...Ne7 20.Qxg7 Rdg8 21.Qf6 Rf8 22.Qh4 Ng6 23.Qh3 Nxf4 24.Bxf4 Bxf4 25.Nh4 Be3+ 26.Kh1 Kb8 27.Ng6 '±';

E6) 9...Nc6 10.0-0 Qxe5 *(10...Nxe5 11.Bd5 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.b4* '↑' *g6 14.bxc5 Nd7 15.cxd6 Qxd6 16.Qf3* '±' *)* 11.f4 Qf5 12.Re1+ Ne7 *(12...Be7* '?!' *13.Qxg7 Rf8 14.Ng5* '±' *)*

E6a) 13.Ng5 '!?' d5 14.Bd3 *(14.Re5 dxc4* '!' *15.Rxf5 Nxf5 16.Qf3 Be7 17.Qd5 0-0 18.Qxc4* '±' *)* 14...Qf6 15.Nxh7 Qh6 16.Ng5 c4 17.Bf1 f6 18.Nf3 Kf7 19.Nxd4 '±';

E6b) 13.b4 '!?' 13...h6 14.Qf3 Qxc2 15.Bd3 Qa4 16.bxc5 dxc5 17.Rb1 Bd7 18.Qxb7 Qc6 *(18...Bc6* '?' *19.Bc2* '+-' *)* 19.Qb3 Qb6 20.Qc4 '±']

7.Qxd5 d6

[7...Nd4 8.Bd3 d6 *(8...Qg5 9.Nh3 Qh4 10.c3 Ne6 11.0-0 Be7 12.f4* '±' *)*

9.Nf3
A) 9...dxe5 10.Qxe5+ Be6 11.Nxd4 cxd4 '?' *(11...Qxd4 12.Bb5+ Kd8 13.Qxd4+ cxd4 14.b3 Bf5 15.d3 Rc8 16.Kd1* '⩲' *)* 12.Bb5+ Ke7 13.0-0 '±';
B) 9...Be6 10.Qxb7 Rb8 11.Qxa7 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 dxe5 *(12...c4 13.Qa4+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Be2* '±' *)* 13.Qa4+ Bd7 14.Qe4 Qc7 15.h4 Bd6 16.b3 '!' Bc6 17.Qe2 0-0 18.Bb2 '±']
[7...Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.d4 '!?' d6 10.exd6 Bxd6 *(10...Re8 11.dxc5 Bxd6+ 12.Be2 Qa5+)* 11.dxc5 Re8+ 12.Be2 Qa5+ 13.c3 *(13.b4 Nxb4 14.axb4 Qxa1 15.0-0 Bf8 16.Ng5* '⩱'*; 13.Kf1* '!?' *Bxc5 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxa5 Nxa5 16.fxe3 Rxe3 17.Kf2 Re8 18.Rhe1* '⩲' *)* 13...Qxc5 *(13...Bxc5 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxa5 Bxf2+ 16.Kxf2 Nxa5 17.Rad1 Be6 18.Rhe1* '⩲' *)* 14.Qxc5 Bxc5 15.Be3 '!' *(15.b4 Bb6 16.Ra2 Be6 17.Rd2 Bc4* '⩱' *)* 15...Bxe3 16.fxe3 Rxe3 17.Kf2 Re7 18.Rhe1 Bf5 19.Bb5 '⩲']
8.Bb5 '!'
[8.exd6 '?' Bxd6 9.Qe4+ Be6 10.Bc4 0-0 11.Ne2 Re8 '-+']
8...Qc7
[8...Bd7 9.exd6 '±']
[8...Be6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Qxc6+ Bd7 11.Qe4 dxe5 12.Qxe5+ Be7 13.Qxg7 '!' Bf6 14.Qg3 Qe7+ 15.Ne2 0-0-0 16.Qf3 '±' Rhg8 17.Qa8+ Kc7 18.Qxa7+ Kc8 19.Qa6+ Kc7 20.d4 '!' Bg5 21.Bxg5 Rxg5 22.0-0-0 '+-']
[8...Qb6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Qe4 Be6 *(10...d5 11.Qe2 Be7 12.Nf3 0-0 13.d3 Bg4 14.0-0 Rae8 15.h3 Bh5 16.g4* '!' *Bg6 17.b3* '⩲' *Bd6* '?!' *18.b4* '!' *cxb4 19.Be3 Bc5 20.axb4* '±' *)* 11.Nf3 *(11.exd6 Bxd6 12.Ne2 0-0* '∞' *)* 11...0-0-0 *(11...d5 12.Qf4 Be7 13.d3 0-0 14.0-0* '⩲' *)* 12.0-0 h6 *(12...dxe5 13.Nxe5 Rd4 14.Qe2* '±' *)* 13.b4 '!' Bd5 14.Qe2 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Re8 16.c4 Bxc4 17.Qxc4 Rxe5 18.Bb2 '±']
9.Nf3
[9.exd6 Bxd6 '∞']
9...Bd7
[9...Be6 10.Qe4 d5 *(10...0-0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.0-0* '⩲' *d5 13.Qa4* '↑' *)* 11.Bxc6+ *(11.Qf4* '⩲'*!?'; 11.Qe2 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.c3 Bg4 14.Re1 Rad8 15.d3* '⩲' *)* 11...Qxc6 12.Qf4 Be7 13.d3 0-0 14.Qg3 '⩲']
10.0-0
[10.exd6 Bxd6 11.0-0 0-0 '∞']
10...Be6
[10...Nxe5 '?' 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.Re1+ Be7 13.Ng5 Ne5 14.Rxe5 '!' dxe5 15.Qxf7+ Kd7 *(15...Kd8* '??' *16.Ne6+)* 16.Qe6+ Ke8 17.d3 '⩱' Qd6 18.Qf7+ Kd7 19.Ne4 '!' *(19.Qxg7 Rag8 20.Qf7* '⩲' *)* 19...Qc7 20.Qxg7 Raf8 21.Qg4+ '±']
11.Qe4 0-0-0 12.Bxc6
[12.Re1 Nxe5 13.Ng5 '⩲']
12...Qxc6 13.Qxc6+ bxc6 14.d3 c4 15.Bg5 Re8 16.Nd4 Lode,P-Noshin,A Tbilisi (Georgia) 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '⩲'

4...Nb6 5.Nf3 d6
[5...e6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 *(7.Bg5* '!?' *Be7 8.Bxe7 Qxe7 9.Nb5* '⩲' *)* 7...d6 8.exd6 Qxd6 *(8...Bxd6 9.Ndb5 Be7 10.Bf4 Na6 11.Nd6+* '±' *)* 9.Ndb5 Qxd1+ 10.Nxd1 Na6 11.Be3 '⩲']
[5...Nc6 6.b4 '!?' *(6.Bb5* '!?' *)* 6...cxb4 7.axb4 Nxb4 8.Ba3
A) 8...e6 9.Ne4 a5 10.c3 N4d5 11.Nd6+ Bxd6 12.Bxd6 '±';
B) 8...Nc6 9.d4 d6 10.exd6 e6 '?' *(10...exd6 11.d5 Ne5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.d6 a6 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Be6 16.Qxe5 Qf6 17.Qxf6 gxf6 18.c4* '⩲' *)* 11.Nb5 '+-';
C) 8...a5 9.Nb5 d5 *(9...Nc6 10.Qe2 Nd5 11.c4 Ndb4 12.d4 e6 13.d5* '⩱' *exd5 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Bd6* '±!' *)* 10.exd6 exd6 11.Bxb4 axb4 12.Rxa8 Nxa8 13.Qa1 Nb6 14.Bd3 '⩱']
6.exd6 e6
[6...exd6 7.d4 Be7 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Qxd8+ Bxd8 10.Be3 N8d7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.a4 a5 13.Bb5 '±']
7.d4 cxd4
[7...Bxd6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.b4 Be7 11.Be3 '±']
8.Nb5 '!' 8...Bxd6 9.Qxd4 Bf8
[9...Be7 10.Qxg7 '+-']
10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Ne5 Ke7 12.Nc7 '+-'

[37] **5...d6** 6.exd6 exd6
[6...e6? 7.Bf4 Nc6 *(7...Qf6 8.Be3 Nd7 9.Nf3 e5 10.Ng5! Qxd6 11.Bc4 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1±)* 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Nf3 a6 10.Bc4 b5 11.Bd3!? c4?! 12.Be4
A) 12...f6 13.Ng5! g6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxc6+ Kf7 16.a4+-;
B) 12...f5? 13.Bxc6 Bxc6 14.Ne5 Bxg2 *(14...Bd7 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Nxg6+-)* 15.d7+ Ke7 16.Bg5#;
C) 12...g6 13.h4±]
[6...Qxd6 7.Qxd6 exd6 8.Bf4
A) 8...Be7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.Bxd6 Nc6 *(10...Bxd6 11.Rxd6 Nc6 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.Nd2 Rad8 14.Rxd8 Rxd8 15.f3 Bf5 16.Bb5⩲)* 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.Nf3⩱;
B) 8...Nc6 9.0-0-0 Ne5 10.Bb5+ *(10.Re1 f6 11.Bg3 Be7 12.f4 Nf7 13.Bc4⩲)* 10...Ke7 11.Bg3 g5 12.Nf3 f6 13.Nd2⩱;
C) 8...Bf5 9.0-0-0 Nc6 *(9...Kd7 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.b4! cxb4 12.cxb4 Be7 13.Bb5⩲)* 10.Bxd6 0-0-0 11.Bg3 Rxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Be7 13.Nf3 Rd8+ 14.Kc1⩱;
D) 8...Be6 9.0-0-0 d5 10.Nf3
D1) 10...Nc6 11.Ng5;
D2) 10...Be7 11.Ng5 0-0 *(11...Bxg5 12.Bxg5 0-0 13.Be7 Rc8 14.Be2 Nd7 15.Bf3 Re8 16.Bd6⩲)* 12.Be2 Nc6 13.Rhe1⩱;
D3) 10...h6 11.Bb5+ Nc6 *(11...Nd7? 12.Ne5 0-0-0 13.Bxd7++-)* 12.Ne5
D3a) 12...Bd6 13.Ng6! Bxf4+ 14.Nxf4 0-0-0 15.Rhe1 Rd6 *(15...Rhe8? 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Rxd5± Re1+ 19.Kd2 Rh1 20.h3 Rh2*

21.Bf1 b6 22.Ke3+-) 16.b4±;
D3b) 12...Rc8 13.Rhe1 Be7 14.Ng6 fxg6 *(14...Rg8?! 15.Rxd5 a6 16.Nxe7 Kxe7 17.Bd3±)* 15.Rxe6 0-0 16.Bg3±]

7.Bf4 Be7
[7...Nc6 8.Nf3]
[7...Be6 8.Qd2 d5 *(8...Be7 9.0-0-0 d5 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Ng5)* 9.Bxb8! *(9.Nf3 Bd6 10.Bb5+ Nc6 11.Ne5 Bxe5 12.Bxe5 0-0∞)* 9...Rxb8 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0-0 Rd8 13.Nf3 Be7 14.Rhe1 0-0 15.Re5± d4 16.cxd4 cxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc7 *(17...Qxd4 18.Rxd4 Rxd4 19.Nxd4 Bf6 20.Rd5 Re8 21.Kd2±)* 18.Rd5 Bf6 19.Qxa7 Rxd5 20.Rxd5 Rc8 21.Qa4 Qb6 *(21...h6 22.Kb1 b5 23.Rxb5±)* 22.Qb5 Qxf2 23.Rd2 Qe3 24.Qxb7±]
[7...d5 8.Qf3! Bd6 *(8...Nc6 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.Bc4 d4 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.cxd4 cxd4 13.Qe4 Qd7 14.Nf3 0-0-0 15.Rhe1 Bc5 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Qxe5±)* 9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.0-0-0 Be6 11.Bc4 *(11.c4 d4 12.Qxb7 Qc6 13.Qxc6+ Nxc6 14.Nf3±)* 11...Nc6 12.Bxd5 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 Qxc6 14.Qxc6+ bxc6 15.Ne2 Rxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Re8 17.Rd2±]

8.Qd2 0-0
[8...d5 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.Nf3]
[8...Be6 9.0-0-0 d5 10.Nf3 *(10.c4 d4 11.c3?! Nc6 12.Nf3 Bf6 13.Bg5 0-0 14.h4 dxc3∓)* 10...0-0 *(10...Nc6 11.Ng5)* 11.h4 Nc6 12.Ng5 h6 *(12...Bxg5 13.hxg5↑; 12...Bd6 13.Be3 a6 14.Qd3 g6 15.h5 Ne5 16.Qe2 b5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Nh7± Re8? 19.Bg5+-)* 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qe3 Qd7 15.g3 Bd6 *(15...Bf6?! 16.Bh3 Rae8 17.Rhe1 Nd8 18.Qxc5±)* 16.Bh3 Bxf4 17.gxf4 Rae8 18.Rhe1 Rf6 19.f5±]

9.0-0-0 Qb6
[9...Be6?! 10.Bxd6 Nc6 11.Nf3 a6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qd6±]

10.Bc4 Nc6
[10...Rd8 11.Qe3 Nc6 12.Nf3 Bf5 13.Bg5↑ Qc7 14.Bxf7+! Kxf7 15.Qf4 Qd7 16.Rd5±]

11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Bxd6 Bxf3
[12...Rfd8?! 13.Qf4 Bxf3 14.Bxe7
A) 14...Rxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Bxd1?? *(15...Bh5 16.Re1±)* 16.Qxf7+ Kh8 17.Bf8+-;
B) 14...Nxe7 15.Qxf7+ Kh8 16.Rxd8+ Qxd8 17.Qxf3+-]

13.Bxe7 Bxd1 14.Bxf8 Bxc2 15.Bxg7
[15.Bd6 Bg6 16.Qd5 Rd8 17.Re1 h6 18.Qxc5 Na5 19.Qxb6 axb6 20.Be7 Re8 21.Bb5 Nc6 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.b3±]

15...Na5 16.Kxc2 Qxb2+
[16...Nxc4?! 17.Qg5 Qxb2+ 18.Kd3 Qd2+ 19.Qxd2 Nxd2 20.Bf6 Nb3 21.Re1±]

17.Kxb2 Nxc4+ 18.Kc2 Nxd2 19.Bh6± Chapter-Games Game 1
5...g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Bf4
5...e6 6.Bf4 Be7

[6...Nc6 7.Nf3]
[6...Qb6 7.b4 a5?! *(7...Nc6 8.Nf3 Qc7 9.Bd3 d6 10.exd6 Bxd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Rfe1↑)* 8.b5±]
7.Qg4!?
[7.Qd2 Nc6 8.Nf3]
7...g6 8.Bh6 Nc6 9.Nf3 Qc7 10.Qf4 b6 11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.Kb1↑ f6 13.Bg7 Rg8 14.Bxf6 Rf8 15.Qg5±

5...Qc7 6.Nf3 g6
[6...Nc6 7.Bf4 e6]
7.Bf4 e6
[7...Bg7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 e6 10.Bh6 Nc6 11.Re1]
8.Qd2 Bg7 9.0-0-0
[9.Bh6!?]
9...0-0 10.Bh6
[10.h4 h5 11.Bh6 a6 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Qf4 b5 14.g4 hxg4 15.h5+-]
10...Nc6 11.Re1± a6
[11...Bxh6 12.Qxh6 f6 13.h4 Nxe5?! 14.Nxe5 fxe5 15.h5 g5 16.Qxg5+ Kh8 17.Rh4 d6 18.Rg4 Qf7 19.Rd1 Rg8 20.Qxg8+ Qxg8 21.Rxg8+ Kxg8 22.Rxd6 a6 23.Rd8+ Kf7 24.Bd3+-]
12.h4 b5 13.h5 Nxe5 14.Bxg7 Nxf3 15.Qh6 Nxe1 16.Bf6

[38] **6...g6** 7.Bf4 Bg7
[7...Qb6 8.Rb1 Bg7 *(8...d5 9.exd6 exd6 10.Bc4 Be7 11.0-0 Be6 12.Bd5* '±' *)* 9.Bc4 0-0 10.0-0 Na5 *(10...e6 11.Qd6* '±' *)* 11.Ba2 c4 12.Re1 Qc6 13.b4 cxb3 14.cxb3
A) 14...Qxc3 '?' 15.b4 Nc6 *(15...Qxa3 16.Bd5 Nc6 17.Re3 Qa6 18.b5 Qa5 19.bxc6 dxc6 20.Be4* '±' *)* 16.Re3 '+-';
B) 14...b5 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.c4 Qb6 *(16...bxc4* '?' *17.Qxa5* '+-' *)* 17.cxb5 Qxb5 18.a4 '±']
8.Qd2 0-0
[8...Qb6 9.0-0-0 0-0]
[8...b6 9.0-0-0 0-0]
[8...a6 9.0-0-0 h6 *(9...b5 10.Bh6* '!' *Bxh6 11.Qxh6 Qc7 12.Qg7 Rf8 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.Rhe1 h5 15.Ng5 0-0-0 16.Nxf7* '±' *)* 10.Qe3 b5 11.e6 '!' fxe6 12.Bd3 Kf7 13.Qxc5 Bb7 14.Qe3 g5 *(14...Rf8 15.Bxh6* '+-' *)* 15.Bg3 Bf6 16.Kb1 '±']
9.0-0-0 Qa5
[9...b5 10.h4
A) 10...b4 11.cxb4 cxb4 12.axb4 '±';
B) 10...h5 11.Bxb5 *(11.Qd5 Qb6 12.Be3 Rb8 13.Qxc5 Qxc5 14.Bxc5 Nxe5 15.Bxe7 Re8 16.Bd6 Rb6 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 19.c4* '±' *)* 11...Rb8 12.c4 Qb6 13.b3 a6 14.Ba4 '±';
C) 10...Qb6 11.Bh6 b4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.h5 '!' bxa3 14.b3 a2 15.Kb2 g5 16.Qxg5+ Kh8 17.Bd3 Ba6 18.Bxh7 '!' Kxh7 19.Qf5+ Kh8 20.Ng5 '+-']

[9...Qb6 10.Bh6 *(10.Re1)* 10...Nxe5 '?' 11.Bxg7 Nxf3 12.Qh6 Nh4 13.Bd3 Re8 14.Be5 f6 15.Bf4 d5 *(15...Nf5 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.Rd3* '+-' *)* 16.Qxh4 e5 17.Bh6 '+-']

[9...b6 10.Bb5 '!?' *(10.Bh6 Qc7* '∞!' *)* 10...Qe8 *(10...Bb7 11.Qxd7* '±' *)* 11.Bh6 f6 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.exf6+ exf6 *(13...Rxf6 14.h4 h6 15.Rhe1* '±' *)* 14.Rhe1 Qf7 15.Qd6 Re8 16.Bc4 Qf8 17.Rxe8 Qxe8 18.Bd5 Bb7 19.Re1 Qd8 *(19...Qf8 20.Qxd7+* '+-' *)* 20.h4 Rc8 21.h5 Rc7 22.Nh4 Na5 23.Re7+ '+-']

[9...Qc7 10.e6 d6 11.exf7+ Rxf7 *(11...Kh8 12.Ng5* '+-' *)* 12.Bc4 e6 13.Bxd6 Qb6 14.Ng5 Bh6 15.h4 Na5 16.Ba2 c4 17.h5 Qxf2 18.hxg6 Qxd2+ 19.Rxd2 Bxg5 20.gxf7+ Kxf7 21.Rf1+ Kg6 22.Bf4 '+-']

[9...f6 10.exf6

A) 10...Bxf6 11.h4 h5 *(11...d5* '?' *12.h5 Bf5 13.hxg6 Bxg6 14.Bh6 Re8 15.Qxd5+* '+-' *)* 12.Bc4+ Kh7 *(12...Kh8* '??' *13.Bc7* '+-'*; 12...Kg7 13.g4 hxg4 14.Bh6+ Kh8 15.Ng5* '+-' *)* 13.Ng5+ Kg7 14.Ne4 d6 15.Bh6+ '±';

B) 10...Rxf6 11.Bg5 Rf8 12.h4 h5 13.Bc4+ Kh7 14.Bf4 '!' Qa5 15.Ng5+ Kh8 16.Nf7+ Kh7 *(16...Kg8 17.Nd6+ e6 18.g3 a6 19.Nxc8 Raxc8 20.Qxd7* '+-' *)* 17.g4 d5 18.gxh5 gxh5 19.Qxd5 Bg4 20.Bd3+ '+-';

C) 10...exf6 11.Bd6 Re8 12.Bc4+ Kh8 13.h4]

[9...e6 10.h4 h5 11.Rg1 Qc7 *(11...b5 12.g4 b4 13.gxh5 bxa3 14.b3 d5 15.h6 Bh8 16.h5 c4 17.Bg5 Qa5 18.h7+ Kxh7 19.Bf6* '+-' *a2 20.hxg6+ Kg8 21.Kb2* '+-' *)* 12.g4 Nxe5 *(12...hxg4 13.Rxg4 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bh6 Re8 16.h5)* 13.Nxe5 *(13.Qe3)* 13...Bxe5 14.Bh6]

[9...a6

A) 10.Bh6 Qc7 11.Re1 b5 12.h4 f6 13.h5 g5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.h6+ Kh8 16.Bd3 d6 17.e6 *(17.Bxh7* '!' *Kxh7 18.Nxg5+* '!' *fxg5 19.Qxg5 Rf7 20.Qh5 Rf8 21.Rh3)* 17...Ne5 18.Rxe5 '!' dxe5 19.Nxg5 fxg5 20.Qxg5 Rg8 21.Qf5 Rg6 22.Qf8+ Rg8 23.Qf7 '+-';

B) 10.h4 h5 11.Qe3 Qa5 12.g4 hxg4 13.h5 gxf3 14.h6 Bxe5 15.h7+ Kh8 16.Bxe5+ Nxe5 17.Qxe5+ f6 18.Qxe7 Qd8 19.Qd6 b5 20.Bd3 '±']

10.Bh6 b5

[10...c4 11.h4 *(11.Re1 b5 12.h4 b4 13.cxb4 c3 14.bxa5 cxd2+ 15.Bxd2* '±' *)* 11...Nxe5 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.h5 Nxf3 14.gxf3 Qf5 15.Bxc4 '±']

[10...Qc7 11.Re1 d5 12.h4 '!' Bg4 13.h5 Bxf3 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Qh6+ Kf7 17.Qxh7+ Ke8 18.gxf3 Qa5 *(18...Nxe5 19.Qh2* '+-' *)* 19.Qxg6+ Kd8 20.Rh7 '+-']

11.h4 b4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7

[12...bxa3 13.Qh6 axb2+ 14.Kd2 Nxe5 15.Bxf8 '+-']

13.h5 '!' 13...bxc3

[13...bxa3 14.b3 '!'

A) 14...Rh8 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Qh6+ Kg8 17.Bd3 a2 *(17...Qxc3 18.Bxg6* '+-' *)* 18.Kb2 '+-';

B) 14...a2 15.Kb2 g5 16.Qxg5+ Kh8 17.Bd3 Rg8 18.Qf5 '+-']

14.Qe3 Rh8

[14...cxb2+ 15.Kb1 Nd4 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.Bd3 Kf7 18.e6+ '!' Ke8 19.exd7+ Kxd7 20.Rxh7 Re8 21.Bxg6 '+-']

15.hxg6 h6 16.gxf7 cxb2+ 17.Kb1 Ba6 18.Bxa6 Qxa6 19.Rxd7 Petre,N-Markus, R Leningrad 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '+-'

6...e6 7.Bf4 Qc7

[7...f6 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Qd2 Be7 10.Bg5 Qf7 11.Bb5! 0-0 12.0-0 d5 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Ne5 Bxg5 15.Qxg5 Qc7 16.f4±]

[7...Qb6?! 8.Nd2!? *(8.b4!?↑)* 8...Qxb2 9.Ne4

A) 9...Qb6 10.Bc4 Na5 11.Be2 Qc6 12.Bf3 Qa6 13.Qc1 Be7 *(13...Qc4 14.Qe3⩱)* 14.Bg5! Bxg5 15.Qxg5 0-0 16.Nf6+ Kh8 17.h4 Qc4 *(17...h6?! 18.Rh3 d5 19.Be2 Qb6 20.0-0-0! Qd8 21.Qh5 b5 22.Rg3 Rg8 23.Rdd3 Qf8 24.Nxg8+-)* 18.Qe3 gxf6 19.Be2! Qd5 20.Qh6 Rg8 21.Qxf6+ Rg7 22.Bf3! Qc4 23.Kd2! Nc6 24.h5 h6 25.Rh4 Qxh4 26.Qxh4 Nxe5 27.Be2±;

B) 9...Be7 10.Bc4 *(10.Rb1 Qxa3 11.Qg4 g5!∓)* 10...Na5 11.Rb1! Qxa3 12.Qg4!? g5 *(12...Nxc4? 13.Qxg7 Rf8 14.0-0! Qa4 15.Bg5 Bxg5 16.Qxg5+-)* 13.Bc1 h5 14.Qf3! Qa4 15.Bd3! g4 *(15...c4 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Rh6 18.Bxg5 cxd3 19.Bxh6 dxc2 20.Rb4 Qc6 21.Qf6!+-; 15...Qa2 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 f5 18.0-0 Qxb1? 19.Bxf5!+-)* 16.Qf4 Qa2 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.exd6 f5 19.0-0 Nc6 20.Re1+-]

[7...b6 8.Qd2 Be7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.h4! f6 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Bd6 Ne7 13.Bd3±]

[7...Be7 8.Qd2 a6 9.Bd3!? *(9.0-0-0)* 9...b5 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Rad1 Qc7 12.Qe3 h6 13.Rfe1 g5 *(13...0-0? 14.Qe4 g6 15.Bxh6+-)* 14.Bg3 0-0-0 *(14...c4 15.Be4↑)* 15.h3 Rdg8 16.Nd2 h5 17.Be2 g4 *(17...h4 18.Bh2±)* 18.h4 Na5 19.b4 Nc4 20.Nxc4 bxc4 21.Qf4 Qc6 22.Bf1±]

8.Qd2

[8.Bc4 Be7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Qe4 b5 12.Bd3 g6 13.Qe3 Bb7 14.Rfd1±]

8...Be7

[8...b6 9.0-0-0 Bb7 10.h4!? *(10.c4 h6 11.h4↑)* 10...0-0-0 *(10...h6 11.Rh3 0-0-0 12.h5 Ne7 13.Bh2 Rg8 14.Kb1 g6 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Qe1 Bg7 17.Nd2 Kb8 18.Nc4±)* 11.Ng5!? d5 12.exd6 Qd7 13.Bc4 Na5 *(13...e5 14.Bg3+-)* 14.Ba2 c4 *(14...Bxg2? 15.Rhe1 c4 16.f3 h6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qxg2±)* 15.Rhe1±]

[8...h6 9.h4 Be7 10.0-0-0

A) 10...a6 11.Rh3! b5 12.Rg3 Bf8 13.h5 b4 14.axb4 cxb4 15.Kb1± Rb8 16.Nd4 bxc3 *(16...Nxe5? 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.Nc6 bxc3 19.Rxc3 Qc7 20.Nxb8 Qxb8 21.Bxa6+-)* 17.Qxc3 Bb4 18.Qc4 Kf8 19.Nxc6 dxc6 *(19...Qxc6 20.Qxc6 dxc6 21.Rd8+ Ke7 22.Rxh8+-)* 20.Be3 Kg8 21.Bc5 Bxc5 22.Qxc5 Qb6 23.Qxb6 Rxb6 24.Rd8+ Kh7 25.Bd3+ g6 26.hxg6+ fxg6 27.Bxg6+ Kg7 28.Bd3++-;

B) 10...b6 11.Rh3! *(11.Qe3!? Bb7 12.Nd2 0-0-0 13.Nc4 Kb8 14.Kb1 Ba6 15.Bg3↑ g5 16.f4! Bxc4 17.Bxc4 d5 18.exd6 Bxd6 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.Rxh8 Rxh8 21.Rxd6! Qxd6 22.fxg5 e5 23.Bxf7 Rh1+ 24.Ka2±)* 11...Bb7 12.Rg3

Bf8 13.h5 0-0-0 *(13...Ne7 14.Bd3 Nd5 15.c4 Nxf4 16.Qxf4 Rd8 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Qc6 19.Qe2±)* 14.c4 Ne7 *(14...d6? 15.exd6 Bxd6 16.Bxd6+-)* 15.Bd3 Bxf3 16.gxf3!? *(16.Rxf3 Nc6 17.Qc3 Nd4 18.Rg3±)* 16...Nf5 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Qd3**±**;

C) 10...b5 11.Bxb5 Na5 12.Qe2 Rb8 13.c4 Qb6 14.b3 a6 15.Ba4 0-0 16.Rh3**±**]

9.0-0-0 0-0 10.h4 a6 11.h5 b5 12.Rh3

[12.h6!? g6 13.Bg5 Bxg5 14.Qxg5 Qd8 15.Qxd8 *(15.Qe3 b4 16.Qxc5 bxa3 17.b3±)* 15...Rxd8 16.Bd3 Bb7 *(16...d5?! 17.exd6 Rxd6? 18.Be4+-; 16...b4?! 17.axb4 cxb4 18.Be4 Bb7 19.cxb4+-)* 17.Be4**±**]

12...b4 13.axb4 cxb4 14.Kb1 Rb8 15.Rg3 Qa5 16.c4 g6

[16...Kh8 17.Bh6! gxh6 18.Qxh6 Rg8 19.Bd3+-]

17.hxg6

[17.Bh6 b3 18.Qxa5 bxc2+ 19.Kxc2 Nxa5 20.Bxf8**±**]

17...fxg6 18.b3 d6

[18...Rb7 19.Bd3 d6 20.Qe3 Rxf4 21.Bxg6! hxg6 22.Rxg6+ Kf7 23.Qxf4+ Kxg6 24.Rh1+-]

19.Bd3 dxe5 20.Bxg6! hxg6 21.Bh6 Rf6 22.Qd3 Kf7 23.Ng5+ Ke8 24.Ne4 Rf7 25.Rxg6+- Chapter-Games Game 1

6...Qc7 7.Bf4 g6

[7...h6 8.Qd2 g5 9.Bg3

A) 9...Bg7? 10.e6 d6 11.exf7+ Kxf7 12.Bc4+ Be6 13.Bxe6+ Kxe6 14.0-0-0 Rad8 *(14...Rag8 15.Qd5+ Kd7 16.Qxc5±)* 15.Qd5+ Kd7 16.Qf7! Rhg8 17.Rxd6++-;

B) 9...Qb6 10.0-0-0 Bg7 11.Qe3**±**]

[7...d6 8.exd6 exd6 9.Qd2 Bg4 10.0-0-0 0-0-0 11.Bc4 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Ne5 13.Bxe5 dxe5 14.Qg5 g6 *(14...f6 15.Qg4+ Kb8 16.Rxd8+ Qxd8 17.Rd1 Bd6 18.Qxg7±)* 15.Rxd8+ Qxd8 16.Qxe5**±** Bd6 17.Qg7 Kb8 18.Qxf7+-]

8.Qd2

[8.Bc4 Bg7? *(8...e6 9.Qe2±)* 9.Bxf7+! Kf8 10.Ba2**±**]

8...Qb6

[8...Bg7?! 9.e6 Qb6 10.exf7+ Kxf7 11.0-0-0 Rd8 12.Bc4+ e6 13.Bd6 Kg8 14.Qf4 a6 15.Ng5+-]

9.0-0-0 Bg7 10.Bh6! 0-0 11.h4 d5

[11...Nxe5 12.Bxg7 Nxf3 13.Qh6+-]

12.exd6 exd6 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.h5 Bg4 15.hxg6

[39] **7...e5** 8.Bb5 Bxd6

[8...e4?! 9.Ng5 Qxd6 10.Qxd6 Bxd6 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Be3 Bf5 13.Nxc5 0-0-0 14.Nd3**±**]

9.Qd3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.0-0-0**±**

7...exd6 8.Bf4 d5

[8...Be6 9.Qd2 d5 10.0-0-0]

[8...Bg4 9.Qd2!? *(9.Be2 Be7 10.Qd2 Qd7 11.0-0-0 Rd8 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 Bg6 14.h4 0-0 15.h5 Be4 16.Rhe1↑)* 9...Bxf3 10.gxf3 Qf6 11.0-0-0 Be7 *(11...0-0-0? 12.Bg5±)* 12.Bxd6 *(12.Bc4!? 0-0-0 13.Bd5 Ne5 14.Bg3 Kb8 15.Kb1↑)* 12...Bxd6 *(12...Qxf3?? 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Qd7+ Kf8 15.Qd8+ Rxd8 16.Rxd8#)* 13.Qxd6 Qxd6 14.Rxd6 Rd8 15.Rd3 0-0 16.f4⩲]

[8...Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 Bg4 *(10...a6 11.Bxd6 Bxd6 12.Qxd6 Qxd6 13.Rxd6 Be6 14.Ng5 Bf5 15.Rd5 Bg6 16.Rxc5±)* 11.Be2 Re8 *(11...Rc8 12.Rhe1 Re8 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Bxd6±)* 12.Rhe1 Qa5 13.Bxd6 Rad8 14.Qf4 Bxd6 *(14...Be6? 15.Bc7 Rxd1+ 16.Rxd1 b6 17.Qe4 Nd8 18.Ne5+-)* 15.Qxg4 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.Qf3 Qc7 *(17...b5? 18.Qc6±)* 18.Bc4 Rxe1 19.Rxe1 Bf8 20.Kb1⩲]

9.Qd2 Be6

[9...h6 10.0-0-0 Be6 11.Qe3!]

10.0-0-0 Be7

[10...h6 11.Qe3! Be7 *(11...Bd6?? 12.Rxd5+-)* 12.Bc4 d4 13.Qe2 Bg4 *(13...Bxc4 14.Qxc4 0-0 15.cxd4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4⩲)* 14.Qe4

A) 14...Bxf3 15.gxf3! 0-0 16.cxd4 cxd4 17.Rhg1 Kh8 18.Qf5↑ Qc8?? *(18...g6 19.Qh3 h5 20.Bh6±)* 19.Qh5 a6 20.Rxg7+-;

B) 14...0-0 15.cxd4 cxd4 *(15...Nxd4? 16.Nxd4 Bxd1 17.Bd3 g6 18.Ne6!+-)* 16.Bxh6 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Bg5+ *(17...gxh6?? 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.Qxh6+ Kg8 20.Rhg1++-)* 18.Bxg5 Qxg5+ 19.f4 Qf6 *(19...Rfe8?? 20.Qxe8++-; 19...Rae8 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Qxe8+ Kxe8 22.fxg5+-)* 20.Rhg1±]

11.Ng5!? Bxg5

[11...0-0 12.h4 h6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.g3 Rf6 15.Kb1⩲]

12.Bxg5 Qb6

[12...Qd7 13.Qe3 b6 14.Qg3! a6 15.Be2 f6 16.Bh5+ g6 17.Bxf6! Rf8 18.Qg5 gxh5 19.Rhe1 Kf7 20.Qg7+ Ke8 21.Qh6 Rg8 *(21...Qf7 22.Rxd5 Ne7 23.Bxe7 Kxe7 24.Rde5+-)* 22.Bg7 Nd8 23.Qxh5+ Qf7 24.Qxd5 Rc8 25.f4 *(25.Bh6 Rg6 26.Bg5 Nb7 27.h4 Kf8 28.Qd2⩱)* 25...Rxg7 26.f5 Qf6 27.Kb1 Re7 28.fxe6 Nxe6 29.Rd3+-]

13.Bd3 h6

[13...0-0 14.Bf6! *(14.Rhe1⩲)* 14...gxf6 15.Qh6 f5 16.Qg5+ Kh8 17.Qf6+ Kg8 18.g4 Qd8 *(18...fxg4 19.h3 Qd8 20.Bxh7++-)* 19.Qh6 Ne7 20.Rdg1 Ng6 21.gxf5]

14.Be3 0-0-0 15.f4

[15.b4!? d4 16.cxd4 cxd4 17.Bf4 a5 18.b5 g5 19.Bg3 Ne7 20.c4±]

15...Bg4

[15...d4 16.cxd4 cxd4 17.Bf2⩲]

16.Rde1 d4 17.cxd4 cxd4

[17...Nxd4 18.Kb1 g6 19.Qf2!↑]

18.Bf2 Rhe8 19.f5! f6 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Qf4 Bh5 22.Bc4 Qc7 23.Be6+ Kb8 24.Qh4 Bf7 25.Bg3 Ne5 26.Bxf7 Qxf7 27.Qxd4±

8.Qxd6 exd6 9.Bf4 d5

[9...Be6 10.0-0-0 0-0-0 11.Ng5 Be7 12.h4 Ne5 *(12...Bf6? 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Rxd6±)* 13.Bg3 *(13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Bxe5 dxe5 15.Bc4 Rxd1+ 16.Kxd1 Rd8+ 17.Ke2 Kd7↑)* 13...Bf5 14.Re1 Rhe8 15.Bb5±]
10.0-0-0 Be6 11.Ng5 Be7
[11...0-0-0 12.g3! Bd6 *(12...Be7 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Bh3±)* 13.Bxd6 Rxd6 14.Ne4 Rdd8 15.Nxc5 Bg4 16.Re1 Bf3 17.Rg1 Rhe8 18.Bb5±]
[11...h6 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Be2 g5 *(13...0-0-0? 14.Bg4 Re8 15.Rhe1 g5 16.Rxe6 Rxe6 17.Bxe6+ Kd8 18.Bxd5±)* 14.Be3 Be7 15.Kb1 h5 16.Rhe1±]
12.g3 0-0 13.Bg2
[13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Bh3 e5 15.Be6+ Kh8 16.Bd2 d4 17.Rhf1±]
13...h6
[13...Rad8 14.Rhe1±]
14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Rhe1 Rf6 16.Be3 Rd8 17.f4± Chapter-Games Game 1

[40] **4...Nc7** 5.b4 d6 6.exd6 Qxd6 7.Nf3 Relatively unexplored territory. 7...Nc6

[41] **7...exd6**
8.bxc5 Qe6+ 9.Qe2
[9.Ne2 Nxc4]
9...Nxc4 ChessBase II: '∓' 10.Qxe6 Bxe6 11.Bxc4 Bxc4 12.d4 0-0 ChessBase II: 'La position est déjà dificile à sauver pour les blancs qui ont un mauvais ♗, un ♙ arriéré et ils doivent faire face à la paire de ♗' 13.Nf3 Bd5 14.Nbd2 g6
[14...g5 15.Nxg5 Rg8 ChessBase II: '→']
15.0-0 Bg7 16.Rfe1 e6 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Rd5 19.Rf4 f5 20.Re1 h6 21.h4 Re8 22.g4 Kd7 23.gxf5 exf5 24.Ne5+ Nxe5 25.dxe5 Bxe5 26.Bxe5 0-1 (26) 12. ♘b5 ♖a4 (2021)-Understand It (2215) BDF 2009 Lexikon14 [Dragan Solak] ChessBase II: 'suite illisible et gain noir au 49ème coup'

[42] **3...Nf6** 4.Bb5+ Nbd7
[4...Bd7 5.Bxd7+
A) 5...Nbxd7 6.c4
A1) 6...b5 7.d3 bxc4 *(7...Nb6 8.Qe2 g6 9.Nc3 a6 10.Bf4 Bg7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 Nh5 13.Be5±)* 8.dxc4 e6 9.Qe2 Bd6 10.dxe6 Ne5 11.Nh3! *(11.exf7+ Kxf7 12.Nf3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Re8+ 14.Be3 Qb8±)* 11...0-0 12.Nc3 Re8 13.Ng5 fxe6 14.Be3 Nc6 15.Rd1 Qb8 16.Nce4±;
A2) 6...e6 7.Qe2 Bd6 8.dxe6 Nf8 *(8...Ne5 9.Nf3 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 0-0 11.Nc3±)* 9.exf7+ Kxf7 10.Nf3 Ne6 11.0-0 Nf4 12.Qd1 Re8 13.d3±;
A3) 6...e5 7.d3 *(7.dxe6? Ne5!)* 7...Bd6 *(7...e4 8.Nc3 Bd6 9.dxe4 0-0 10.Nge2±)* 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Nf3±;
A4) 6...Ne5 7.Qe2!? Ng6 *(7...Qd6 8.Nc3 a6 9.Nh3!? g6 10.d3 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1±)* 8.Nc3 e6 9.d3 Qd7 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 Rae8 14.Be3±;
A5) 6...g6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 b6 *(9...e6 10.dxe6 fxe6*

11.Qe2±; 9...Re8 10.Re1 Qc7 11.d3±; 9...Qb6 10.d3 Rad8 11.Re1 Rfe8 12.Qc2±) 10.d4 *(10.h3!? a6 11.d3±)* 10...a6 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Be3**±**;

A6) 6...Nb6 7.d3 e6 *(7...g6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nc3 a6 11.Bf4 e6 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Re1 Nh5 14.Be5±)* 8.Qe2 Qd7 9.Nf3 0-0-0 10.dxe6 Qxd3 *(10...fxe6 11.Ne5±; 10...Qxe6 11.Qxe6+ fxe6 12.Ne5 Rg8 13.Nc3 Bd6 14.Nf7 Rd7 15.Nxd6+ Rxd6 16.Ke2±)* 11.Qxd3 Rxd3 12.Ne5 Rd6 13.0-0 Rxe6 14.Nxf7 Rg8 15.b3**±**;

B) 5...Qxd7 6.c4

B1) 6...b5 7.d3

B1a) 7...Na6 8.Nc3!? bxc4 9.Nf3! Qb7 *(9...cxd3? 10.Ne5 Qd6 11.Qa4+ Nd7 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Qxa6+-)* 10.dxc4**±**;

B1b) 7...a6 8.Nf3 e6 9.Qe2 Be7 10.dxe6 Qxe6 *(10...fxe6 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Re1 Rd8 13.Bd2 Qxd3 14.Qxe6 Rd6 15.Qc8+ Nd8 16.Qxc5+-)* 11.Qxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 Rd8 *(13...Kf7? 14.Ng5+ Kg6 15.Nxe6 Rf7 16.Nc3+-)* 14.Rxe6 Bf8 15.Nc3 Rxd3 16.Bg5**±**;

B1c) 7...g6 8.Nc3 Bg7 *(8...a6 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 Qd6 12.Bg5±)* 9.Nf3 b4 10.axb4 cxb4 11.Na2 Qb7 12.Qa4+ Nbd7 13.Nxb4 0-0 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Qa3 e6 16.Be3;

B1d) 7...e6 8.Qe2

B1d1) 8...bxc4 9.dxc4 Be7 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.Nf3 Nc6 *(11...0-0 12.Ne5! Qd4 13.0-0 Bd6 14.Nf3 Qg4 15.h3 Qf5 16.Rd1 Bc7 17.Nc3 Nc6 18.Be3±)* 12.Ne5 '!' Nxe5 13.Qxe5 0-0 14.0-0 '**±**' Rae8 15.Nc3 Ng4 16.Qe2 e5 17.h3 Nf6 18.Be3**±**;

B1d2) 8...Be7 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Nc6 *(10...bxc4 11.dxc4 Nc6 12.Ne5! Nxe5 13.Qxe5 0-0 14.0-0±)* 11.cxb5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nd2**±**;

B1e) 7...bxc4 8.dxc4 e6 9.Nc3 exd5 10.cxd5 Bd6 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0**±**;

B2) 6...e6 7.Qe2

B2a) 7...Bd6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.d3 Nc6 11.Be3!? *(11.Bg5!? Rae8 12.Bxf6 Rxf6 13.Nbd2±)* 11...Rad8 *(11...e5 12.Nc3 Nd4 13.Qd1 Rae8 14.Ng5 Ng4 15.Nge4±)* 12.Nc3 b6 *(12...Bb8? 13.Bxc5±)* 13.Rd1**±**;

B2b) 7...Be7 8.dxe6 fxe6 9.Nf3

B2b1) 9...0-0 10.Ne5! *(10.Ng5? Bd6)* 10...Qd6 *(10...Qc7 11.Nc3 a6 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Nf3 Re8 14.Ne4 Nc6 15.d3 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Kh8 17.Ng5 g6 18.f4±)* 11.Nc3 a6 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.d3 Rf7 15.Bg5 Raf8 16.Rae1 Nd7 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Qe4**±**;

B2b2) 9...Nc6 10.0-0 *(10.Ne5?! Nxe5 11.Qxe5 0-0 12.0-0 Qd3! 13.Qxe6+ Rf7 14.Nc3 Re8⩱)*

B2b21) 10...Nd4?! 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.d3 0-0 13.Re1 *(13.Bg5!? h6 14.Bxf6±)* 13...Kf7 14.Nd2 Bd6 15.Nf3**±** Bc7? 16.Ng5++-;

B2b22) 10...0-0

B2b221) 11.Nc3?! Nd4! 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Ne4 d3!⩱ 14.Nxf6+? Bxf6 15.Qe4 Bd4;
B2b222) 11.Re1 Rae8 12.Qxe6+?! *(12.d3)* 12...Qxe6 13.Rxe6 Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.d3 Bd6 16.Rxe8 Rxe8 17.Kf1 Ng4⩱;
B2b223) 11.d3!
B2b2231) 11...Rae8 12.Nc3 Bd6 13.Ne4! Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Rf5 15.Be3 Ref8 16.b4 b6 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Rab1±;
B2b2232) 11...Rfe8 12.Nc3 Rad8 13.Bg5!? Qxd3 *(13...Bd6 14.Rad1±)* 14.Qxe6+ Kh8 15.Rad1 Qg6 16.Nd5 Bf8 17.Qh3±;
B2b2233) 11...Rad8 12.Nc3 Ng4?! *(12...e5; 12...Qxd3 13.Qxe6+ Kh8 14.Bf4 Nh5 15.Bg5 Rd6 16.Qe4±)* 13.h3 Nf6 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.Qxe6+ Qxe6 16.Rxe6 Rxd3 17.Bf4±;
B2b2234) 11...e5
B2b22341) 12.Nxe5?! Nxe5 13.Qxe5 Bd6 14.Qe2 Rae8 15.Be3 Ng4 16.h3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Rxf1+ 18.Qxf1 *(18.Kxf1? Qf5+ 19.Kg1 Qe5-+)* 18...Qe7 19.Nc3 Qxe3+ 20.Kh1 Qg3 21.Qg1 Qxd3∓;
B2b22342) 12.Nc3 Rad8 *(12...Bd6?! 13.Bg5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Bxf6 Rxf6 16.Ne4±; 12...Nd4!? 13.Qd1 Qf5 14.Ng5±)* 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Qxe5
B2b223421) 14...Qxd3 15.Qe6+ Kh8 16.Bf4 Nh5 17.Bg5 Rd6 18.Qe4±;
B2b223422) 14...Rfe8 15.Bf4 Qxd3 *(15...Bf8 16.Qc7 Qf5 17.Bg3 Rd7 18.Qf4±)* 16.Qe6+ Kh8 17.Rad1 Qc2 18.Rxd8 Bxd8 19.Qf7 Qxb2 20.Nb5 Qe2 *(20...a6? 21.Nd6 Rg8 22.Qc7! Rf8 23.Nf7+ Rxf7 24.Qxf7+-)* 21.Qxb7±;
B2b223423) 14...Bd6 15.Qe2
B2b2234231) 15...Rde8 16.Be3?! *(16.Ne4! Bc7 17.f3! Nh5 18.b4 b6 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Rb1±)* 16...Ng4 17.h3 Nh2 18.Rfc1 Nf3+! 19.gxf3?? *(19.Kh1 Nd4)* 19...Qxh3-+;
B2b2234232) 15...Rfe8 16.Ne4 Nxe4 *(16...Bc7 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Be3 Qxd3 19.Qg4+ Kh8 20.Rad1±)* 17.dxe4 Bc7 18.f3 Qd6 19.g3±]

5.c4!
[5.Nf3 Nxd5 6.0-0 e6 7.d4 a6 8.Be2 b5⇄]
5...a6
[5...g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.d3 a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.0-0 Nb6 11.Nc3±]
6.Bxd7+
[6.Ba4 b5 7.cxb5 Nxd5⩱]
6...Bxd7

[6...Qxd7 7.Nc3
A) 7...g6 8.Nf3 Qg4?! *(8...Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1±)* 9.h3!? Qxg2?? *(9...Qd7 10.0-0±)* 10.Rh2+-;
B) 7...e6 8.Nf3!? *(8.Qe2±)* 8...exd5 9.0-0 d4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Na4 Qc7 12.b4 b6 13.d3 Ra7 *(13...0-0?! 14.Nxb6±)* 14.Bg5 0-0 15.Rxe7! Qxe7 16.Nxb6 Be6 17.Na4 cxb4 18.axb4 *(18.Nxd4 bxa3 19.Nc6 Qc7 20.Nxa7 Ng4 21.g3 Qxa7∞)* 18...Qxb4 19.Nxd4 Rd7 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Be3⩲]
7.d4 e6
[7...cxd4 8.Qxd4]
8.dxe6 Bxe6
[8...fxe6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1±]
9.d5 Bg4
[9...Bf5 10.Nc3± *(10.Ne2!?±)*]
10.Nf3!?
[10.f3 Bf5 11.Ne2 Bd6 12.Ng3 Bxb1 13.Rxb1 0-0 14.0-0±]
10...Be7
[10...Bd6 11.Qe2+!? Qe7 12.Qxe7+ Kxe7 13.Nc3±]
11.0-0 0-0 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bf4 Re8 14.Re1 b5 15.b3± Chapter-Games Game 2
3...e5 4.c4 f5
[4...Nf6 5.d3±]
5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2±
3...e6 4.Bb5+ Bd7 5.Bxd7+
[5.Qe2!? Qe7 6.Bxd7+ Nxd7 7.dxe6±]
5...Qxd7 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0-0 9.d3 Nf6 10.Nbd2 Bd6 11.Nc4 Bc7 12.Re1±

[43] **4...Qe6+** 5.Be2 Nc6
[5...a6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.d4 '!?' cxd4 8.Qxd4 '!?' Nc6 9.Qa4 Bd7 10.0-0 Ne5 11.Qf4 '⩲']
[5...Qg6 6.Nf3 '!' Qxg2 7.Rg1 Qh3 8.Bc4 '!?' *(8.d4 Nf6 9.Rg3 Qf5 10.Ne5* '±' *)* 8...e6 *(8...Bg4 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Rg3 Qh5 11.Rxg4* '±' *)* 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nb5 '!' Na6 11.Nbxd4 Nf6 12.Bf1 Qh5 13.Rg5 Qh6 14.Rd5 '±!' Qg6 15.Rd8+ Kxd8 16.Nc6+ Kc7 17.Qd8+ Kxc6 18.Ne5+ Kc5 19.Be3#]
6.Nf3
[6.b4 '!?' cxb4 7.Nb5 Qd7 8.Nf3 a6 9.axb4 e5 10.Bb2 f6 *(10...Bxb4* '?' *11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nf6 13.Nc7+* '+-' *)* 11.d4 '!' Bxb4+ 12.c3 Ba5 13.Rxa5 '!' Nxa5 14.Qa4 Nc6 15.dxe5 fxe5 16.Ba3]
6...Nf6
[6...g6 '?' 7.d4 Nxd4 *(7...cxd4 8.Nb5 Qd7 9.Bf4* '±' *)* 8.Nxd4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nf6 10.Nb5 Qc6 11.Bf4 '+-']
7.d4 '!?' 7...cxd4 8.Nb5 '!' 8...Qd7 9.Bf4 Nd5 10.Bg3 a6 11.Nbxd4 e6 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.0-0 Be7 14.c4 Nf6 15.Ne5 '!' 15...Qc5 16.Qa4+ Bd7 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Bf3 Gray,W-Markus,R Game 5 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '±'

4...Qg5 '?!' 5.Nf3
[5.d4 '↑!?']
5...Qg6 6.d4 '!' 6...cxd4 7.Nb5 Qb6 8.Bf4 Na6 9.Nfxd4 '±'
4...Qf5 5.Nf3
[5.d4 '!?' cxd4 6.Nb5 '↑']
5...Nf6 6.d4 e6 7.Bd3 Qg4 8.0-0 a6 9.h3 Qh5 10.Be2 '±' 10...Qf5 '?' 11.Nh4 '+-'
4...Qd7 5.Nf3 Nc6
[5...a6 6.b4 '!' cxb4 7.axb4 e6 8.b5 Nf6 9.Bd3 '!?' *(9.d4 Bb4 10.Bd2 Qc7 11.Ne4 Bxd2+ 12.Nexd2 0-0 13.Bd3* '±' *)* 9...Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bb2 Qd8 12.Re1 Nbd7 13.Qe2 '±']
6.b4 '!' 6...cxb4
[6...e6 7.bxc5 Bxc5 8.Ne4 Be7 9.Bb2 Nf6 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Bb5 '±']
7.axb4 Nxb4
[7...e6 8.b5 Nd4 9.Ra4 '!' Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Ne7 11.b6 a6 12.Ba3 '±']
8.Bb5 Nc6 9.d4 '!' 9...e6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Qf3 Bb4
[11...Bd7 '??' 12.Qxf7+ '+-']
12.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3 Bd7 14.d5 Nf6 15.Bg5 Nxd5 16.Qxg7 '+-' '+-'
4...Qe5+ 5.Be2
[5.Qe2 Qxe2+ *(5...Qc7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nb5 Qd7 8.Bf4* '±'*; 5...Qd6 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nb5 Qd7 8.dxc5 e5 9.Be3* '±' *)* 6.Bxe2 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.d3 '±']
5...Nc6
[5...Bf5 '?!' 6.Nf3 Qc7 7.d4 e6 *(7...cxd4* '?' *8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Ndb5 Bxb5 10.Nxb5 Qe5 11.g3 Na6 12.Bf4 Qc5 13.b4 Qb6 14.Nc3* '+-' *)* 8.Nb5 Qb6 9.Bf4 Na6 10.Ne5 '!?' Rd8 11.c3 '±']
[5...g6 6.Nf3 Qc7 7.d4 Bg7 8.Nd5 *(8.Nb5* '!?' *Qd8 9.Bf4 Na6 10.dxc5* '±' *)* 8...Qd8 9.dxc5 Nc6 10.0-0 '±']
[5...e6 6.Nf3 Qc7 7.Nb5 *(7.d4* '!?' *)* 7...Qb6 8.d4 a6 *(8...cxd4* '?' *9.Bf4* '±' *)* 9.Nc3 cxd4 *(9...Nc6* '?' *10.Na4* '!' *Qa5+ 11.Bd2* '±' *Qxa4* '?' *12.b3* '+-' *)* 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 '±']
[5...Nf6 6.Nf3
A) 6...Qd6 7.d4 cxd4 *(7...e6 8.Nb5 Qb6 9.Bf4* '±' *)* 8.Nb5;
B) 6...Qc7 7.d4 '!' e6 *(7...cxd4 8.Nb5* '!' *Qb6 9.Qxd4 Qxd4 10.Nfxd4 Na6 11.Bf4 Nd7 12.Nf3* '±' *)* 8.Nb5 Qa5+ 9.b4 '!?' *(9.Bd2 Qd8 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bf4 Nd5 12.Bg3 a6 13.Nbd4 0-0 14.0-0* '±' *)* 9...cxb4 10.Bd2 Nc6 11.axb4 Qd8 12.c3 '±']
[5...a6 6.Nf3
A) 6...Qd6 7.d4
A1) 7...e6 8.Ne4 Qc6 9.Nxc5 Bxc5 10.dxc5 Qxc5 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Bf4 Nd5 13.Bg3 '±'
A1a) 13...b5 14.c3 '!?' *(14.c4 bxc4 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Bxc4* '±' *)* 14...0-0 15.a4 '↑';

A1b) 13...0-0 '?' 14.c4 Nf6 15.Bd6 '+-';
A2) 7...cxd4 8.Qxd4 Qxd4 9.Nxd4;
B) 6...Qc7 7.d4 e6 8.0-0 *(8.d5 Nf6 9.0-0* '⩲' *)* 8...Nf6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Ne4 Bxd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Qxd4 0-0 14.Rfd1 '±' Qxc2 '?' *(14...Nc6 15.Qd6* '±' *)* 15.Nf6+ '!' gxf6 16.Rd3 Nd7 17.Rg3+ Qg6 *(17...Kh8 18.Bd3 Qd2 19.Qh4 h6 20.f4* '+-' *)* 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.Qh4 '!?' Qf5 '?' 20.Bd3 '+-']
[5...Bg4 6.d3 *(6.h3* '!?' *Bxe2 7.Ngxe2 Nc6 8.0-0 e6 9.Re1* '⩲' *)* 6...Nc6 *(6...Nf6 7.Be3 Bxe2 8.Qxe2 Nc6 9.Nf3 Qh5 10.0-0-0)* 7.Be3 Bxe2 8.Qxe2 Nf6 *(8...e6 9.Nf3 Qc7 10.0-0 Rd8 11.Ne4 Nd4 12.Bxd4 cxd4 13.Rac1 Be7 14.c3* '⩲' *)* 9.Nf3 Qh5 10.0-0-0 '⩲' *(10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxe2+ 12.Kxe2* '⩲' *)* 10...e6 11.h3 '⩲' Be7 '?' 12.g4 Qg6 13.Nh4 '+-']
6.Nf3 Qb8
[6...Qd6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nb5 Qb8 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 '±']
[6...Qc7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nb5
A) 9...Qb8 10.Re1 e6 *(10...a6 11.Nbxd4 Bd7 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.Bf3 Qc7 15.g3* '±' *)* 11.g3 Nd5 12.Nfxd4 Bc5 13.c4 '±';
B) 9...Qb6 10.Bf4 '!' Nd5 11.Bg3 a6 12.Nbxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 g6 14.c4 Bg7 15.Nb3 Nf6 16.c5 Qa7 17.Bf3 '±']
[6...Qf5 7.0-0 *(7.d4* '!?' *Nxd4 8.Nxd4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Bd7 10.Bf4* '↑' *)* 7...Bd7 *(7...e6* '?' *8.Nb5 Rb8 9.d4 a6 10.Nc7+ Kd8 11.Bd3 Qh5 12.Bf4)* 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 cxd4 10.Qxd4 e5 11.Qe3 '±']
7.b4 '!?'
[7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nf6 *(8...Nxd4* '?' *9.Qxd4 Nf6 10.Bf4* '+-' *)* 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bf3 '⩲']
7...cxb4
[7...Nf6 8.0-0 cxb4 9.axb4 Nxb4 10.d4 a6 *(10...e6 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Nxd7 13.d5* '±' *)* 11.Ne5 e6 12.Bh5 Nxh5 *(12...g6* '?' *13.Qf3 Bg7 14.Ne4* '+-' *)* 13.Qxh5 g6 14.Qf3 f5 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Ra4 Nxc2 17.Qe2 b5 18.Qxc2 '±' bxa4 '?' 19.Qxa4+ Kf8 20.Bh6+ Ke7 21.Nc6+ '+-']
8.axb4 Nxb4
[8...Nf6 9.b5 Ne5 10.0-0 '±']
9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.d4 a6
[10...e6 11.Ne5 Bb4 12.Qf3 '±']
11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Ne5 Bb7
[12...Qb4 '??' 13.Qf3 Nf6 14.Qxc6+ Nd7 15.Nxd7 '+-']
13.Ne4 '±'
4...Qd6 5.d4 '!' '!' 5...Qxd4
[5...Nf6 6.Nb5 Qd8 7.Bf4 Nd5 8.Qf3 '±']
[5...e6 6.Nb5 Qb6 7.Bf4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Ne5 '±']
[5...cxd4 6.Nb5 Qe5+ 7.Qe2 Qxe2+ 8.Nxe2 Na6 9.Nexd4 Nf6 10.Bc4 e6 11.Bf4 Bc5 12.b4 Bxd4 13.Nxd4 '±']
6.Qe2 '!?'

[6.Qxd4 cxd4 7.Nb5 Na6 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Nfxd4 '⩲']
6...a6
[6...Bg4 7.Nf3 Qd7 8.Be3 Nf6 9.Rd1 *(9.Bxc5* '⩲' *)* 9...Qc8 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 e6 12.Qg3 a6 13.Be2 '⩱']
7.Be3 Qd6 8.Rd1 Qc6 9.Nf3 Bg4
[9...Nd7 10.Bf4 '±' Ngf6 '?' 11.Rd6 '+-']
10.Bxc5 '!?' 10...Nf6
[10...Qxc5 '?' 11.Ne4 '±']
11.Bd4 '⩲'

[44] **5...Nf6** 6.d4 cxd4
[6...Nc6?! 7.d5 Nb8 *(7...Na5? 8.b4+-)* 8.Bc4 g6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.d6 0-0 *(10...Qxd6 11.Qxd6 exd6 12.Re1+±)* 11.dxe7 Qxe7 12.Re1 Qd7 *(12...Qc7 13.Nb5±)* 13.Be3 b6 14.Ne5 Qxd1 15.Raxd1
A) 15...Bb7? 16.Nxf7 Rxf7 17.Bg5 Kf8 *(17...Nc6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Rd7++-)* 18.Rd8+ Ne8 19.Rdxe8#;
B) 15...Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Nb5 Nd5 *(17...Na6 18.Nc6 Nd5 19.Bc1 Nac7 20.Ncxa7±)* 18.Bg5± h6? 19.Nxg6! hxg5 20.Nxf8 Kxf8 21.Rxe6+-]
[6...Bg4?! 7.h3
A) 7...Bxf3 8.Qxf3 cxd4 9.Qxb7 Nbd7 10.Nb5 Rc8 11.Nxd4⩲ e5 12.Nb5 Rxc2 *(12...Nc5? 13.Qxa7 Nce4 14.Qa4 Qd7 15.Be3 Nc5 16.Bxc5 Bxc5 17.Nd6++-)* 13.Bd3 Rc8 14.b4 Be7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Rd1±;
B) 7...Bh5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 *(8...Nbd7 9.dxc5±)* 9.g4 Bg6 10.Ne5 Rc8 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.d5 a6 13.dxc6 Qxd1+ 14.Kxd1 axb5 15.g5 Nh5 16.cxb7 Rb8 17.Nxb5 Rxb7 18.c4±;
C) 7...cxd4?! 8.hxg4 dxc3 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.g5! Ng4 *(10...Nd5? 11.Ne5 Ke8 12.Bb5++-; 10...cxb2?! 11.Bxb2 Ne4 12.Ne5 Nxg5 13.f4 f6 14.Rd1+ Kc8 15.Ng6 Nf7 16.Nxh8 Nxh8 17.Bc4 h6 18.Be6+ Kc7 19.Rh3+-)* 11.g6!? fxg6 12.Ng5 Kc7 13.Ne6+ Kc8 14.Rh3]
[6...e6 7.Bf4
A) 7...a6 8.dxc5 Qxd1+ 9.Rxd1 Bxc5 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Rfe1⩲;
B) 7...Nc6 '!?' 8.dxc5
B1) 8...Qxd1+ 9.Rxd1 Bxc5 10.Nb5 *(10.b4!? Bb6 11.Bc4 0-0 12.0-0⩲)* 10...0-0 *(10...Bb6?! 11.Nd6+ Ke7 12.Nc4±)* 11.Be2 a6 12.Bd6 Bxd6 13.Nxd6 Rd8 14.0-0⩲;
B2) 8...Bxc5 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8 10.Nb5 Nd5 11.Bg3⩲;
C) 7...cxd4 8.Qxd4 Qxd4 9.Nxd4 a6 10.Be2⩲ Be7 11.Bf3 Nbd7 12.0-0-0
C1) 12...e5? 13.Nf5 exf4 14.Rhe1 Ne5 *(14...Ng8? 15.Nd5+-)* 15.Rxe5 Bxf5 16.Rxf5 Ra7 17.Rxf4±;
C2) 12...0-0 13.Rhe1⩲;
D) 7...Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Nb5 Qb6 10.dxc5 Qxc5 11.b4↑ Qb6 *(11...Qc6 12.Ne5 Qe4+ 13.Qe2 Qxe2+ 14.Bxe2 Na6 15.Nd6+ Ke7 16.Ndxf7±)* 12.c4 0-0 13.c5±;

E) 7...Be7?! 8.dxc5 Qxd1+ 9.Rxd1 Bxc5 10.Nb5 Na6 11.Bd6! Bb6 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.f3± Nf2 14.Nd4! Nxd1 15.Bb5+ Bd7 16.Bxd7+ Kd8 17.Ndc6+ bxc6 18.Bxc6 Rb8 19.Nxf7+ Kc8 20.Bxb8 Rf8 21.Bd6 Rxf7 22.Kxd1+-]

7.Qxd4 '!?' 7...Qxd4

[7...Qa5? 8.b4 Qb6 *(8...Qc7? 9.Nb5 Qd8 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Ng5+-; 8...Qd8 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Ng5 Ke8 11.Nb5 Na6 12.Be3 b6 13.Be2±)* 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.Be3 Nbd7 11.Nb5 Nd5 12.Bd4±]

[7...Qc7? 8.Nb5 Qd8 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Ng5 Be6 11.Bf4 Na6 12.0-0-0+ Ke8 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Bc4 Kf7 15.Rhe1 Nd5 16.Rxd5 exd5 17.Bxd5+ e6 18.Bxb7+-]

[7...Nc6?! 8.Qxd8+

A) 8...Nxd8 9.Nb5

A1) 9...Nd5 10.c4! a6 11.cxd5 axb5 12.Ne5! e6 *(12...Bd7 13.Nxd7 Kxd7 14.Bxb5+ Kd6 15.Be3! Kxd5 16.0-0-0+ Ke6 17.Rhe1 Kf6 18.Bd4+ Kg6 19.Bd3+ f5 20.g4 e6 21.gxf5+ exf5 22.Rg1+ Kf7 23.Bc4++-)* 13.Bxb5+ Ke7 14.Nc4 exd5 15.Nb6 Rb8 *(15...Ra5 16.Nxc8++-)* 16.Bf4+-;

A2) 9...Ne6 10.Ng5!

A2a) 10...Nxg5 11.Bxg5 Nd5 *(11...Kd8 12.0-0-0+ Bd7 13.Be3 b6 14.g3 e5 15.Bg2 e4 16.Bg5 Kc8 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Bxe4 Rb8 19.Nxa7++-)* 12.Rd1+-;

A2b) 10...Nd5 11.Nxe6 fxe6 *(11...Bxe6? 12.c4+-)* 12.c4 a6 13.cxd5 axb5 14.Bxb5+ Kf7 15.Bc4±;

A3) 9...Kd7? 10.Be3 Nd5 *(10...a6? 11.0-0-0+ Kc6 12.Ne5#)* 11.0-0-0 e6 *(11...Kc6?? 12.Ne5#)* 12.c4 a6 13.cxd5 axb5 14.dxe6+ Ke7 15.Bc5+ Kxe6 16.Rxd8+-;

B) 8...Kxd8 9.Ng5 Nd4 *(9...Ke8 10.Nb5 Rb8 11.Bc4 e6 12.Bf4+-)* 10.Bd3 Ke8 11.Be3 h6 *(11...Ne6 12.Nb5 Nd5 13.0-0-0 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Nxg5 15.Nc7+ Kd8 16.Nxa8+-)* 12.Bxd4 hxg5 13.Nb5 Nd5 14.c4 a6 15.cxd5 axb5 16.Bxb5+±]

[7...Bd7 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Qh4 Ng4 10.0-0-0! *(10.Bg5!?↑)* 10...Nxe3 11.fxe3 Qb6?! *(11...e5? 12.Qg3 Qb8 13.Bc4+-; 11...e6 12.Qg3↑)* 12.Bc4! Qxe3+ 13.Kb1 e6 14.Rhe1 Qb6 15.Nd5 Qa5 *(15...Qd8 16.Qf4 Rc8 17.Ng5 f6 18.Nxe6 Bxe6 19.Qf5+-)* 16.b4! Nxb4 *(16...Qxa3?? 17.Nc7#)* 17.axb4 Bxb4 18.Bb3 Ba3 *(18...0-0 19.Nxb4+-)* 19.Ne5 0-0 20.Nf6+ *(20.Nxd7+-)* 20...gxf6 21.Re3+-]

8.Nxd4 a6!

[8...e5?! 9.Ndb5 Na6 10.f4 exf4 *(10...e4 11.Be3 b6 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Bc4 0-0 14.Nd5! Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Rb8 16.Bxe4±)* 11.Bxf4 Bd7 *(11...Be7 12.Nd6+ Bxd6 13.Bxd6 Bd7 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.Be7 Rde8 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Rd6±)* 12.0-0-0 Bc5 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.Rxd6± 0-0-0 15.Rxa6+-]

[8...e6?! 9.Ndb5

A) 9...Kd7 10.Bf4 Na6 11.0-0-0+ Kc6?? *(11...Ke8 12.Be2±)* 12.Rd8+-;

B) 9...Na6 10.Be3 b6 11.Bf4 Bb7 *(11...Be7 12.Nd6+±)* 12.0-0-0 Bc5 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.Bxd6**±**]

[8...Nc6?! 9.Ndb5 Kd8 *(9...Kd7 10.Be3±)* 10.Be3 Ng4 *(10...a6?? 11.Bb6++-)* 11.0-0-0+ Bd7 12.Bc5 b6 *(12...Rc8 13.Nxa7 Nxa7 14.Bxa7±)* 13.h3

A) 13...bxc5 14.hxg4 Kc8 15.Ne4! Bxg4 16.f3 Bf5 17.Nxc5 e5 18.Rd6! Nd4 19.Rd5 Nxb5 20.Bxb5**±** f6? 21.g4 Bg6 22.Bd7+ Kc7 *(22...Kb8 23.Ne6 a6 24.Bc6 Be7 25.Bxa8 Kxa8 26.Rd7 Rc8 27.Rxe7+-)* 23.Ne6+ Kb6 24.Rb5+ Ka6 25.Nc7#;

B) 13...Nf6 14.Be3 e6 15.g4! h6 *(15...Be7 16.g5 Nh5 17.Be2 g6 18.Rxd7+! Kxd7 19.Rd1+ Kc8 20.Bf3+-)* 16.Bg2 Rc8 17.Rd2 Ne5 18.Rhd1 Nc4 19.Nxa7 Nxd2 20.Bxb6+ Ke8 21.Nxc8 Nc4 22.Bf1 Nxb6 23.Nxb6+-]

[8...Nbd7?! 9.Ncb5!

A) 9...e5 10.Nc7+ Kd8 11.Nxa8 exd4 12.Bf4 Nd5 13.Bg3 b6 14.0-0-0 Bb7 15.Rxd4**±** Bc5 *(15...Bxa8 16.Bb5 Bc5 17.Rd3±)* 16.Rxd5 Bxd5 17.Nc7 Bc6 18.Nb5**±**;

B) 9...Kd8 10.Bd2! e6 *(10...a6? 11.Ba5+ b6 12.Nc6+ Ke8 13.Nc7#)* 11.Ba5+ Ke7 12.Nc7 Rb8 13.0-0-0 Nc5 *(13...a6? 14.Bxa6+-)* 14.Ncb5! *(14.Bb5 Bd7 15.Rhe1±)* 14...Bd7 *(14...a6?? 15.Nc6+ bxc6 16.Bd8+ Ke8 17.Nc7#)* 15.Nxa7**±**]

[8...g6?! 9.Ndb5 Na6 10.Be3 b6 *(10...Bg7 11.Bxa7 0-0 12.0-0-0 Bf5 13.f3±)* 11.0-0-0 Bg7 12.Bc4 *(12.Be2!? 0-0? 13.Bf3 Rb8 14.Bf4)* 12...Bb7 *(12...0-0 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Rb8 15.Nxa7±)* 13.Nxa7 0-0 *(13...Rxa7? 14.Bb5+ Kf8 15.Rd8+ Ne8 16.Rxe8#; 13...Bxg2? 14.Bb5+ Kf8 15.Rhg1 Bb7 16.Na4 Nc7 17.Nxb6 Rxa7 18.Rd8+ Nfe8 19.Bxe8 Nxe8 20.Nd7++-)* 14.Bxb6 Rfb8 *(14...Bxg2 15.Rhe1±)* 15.Bd4 Bxg2 16.Rhe1**±**]

[8...Bd7 9.Ndb5 Na6 10.Be3 b6 11.0-0-0 e5 12.Be2 Bc6 13.f4!

A) 13...Bxg2 14.fxe5 Bxh1 15.exf6+- Bc6 *(15...Bb7 16.fxg7 Bxg7 17.Nd6++-)* 16.Nd4 Bb7 17.Bb5+ Kd8 18.Ne6+ Kc8 19.Rd8#;

B) 13...e4 14.Nd4 Nb8 *(14...Bb7 15.Bb5+ Ke7 16.Nf5+ Ke6 17.Ng3 Bc5 18.Bxc5 Nxc5 19.b4 Ncd7 20.Rhe1 Rhe8 21.Ncxe4+-)* 15.Nxc6 Nxc6 16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Bd4 Bd6 *(17...Be7 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nxe4±)* 18.Bxf6 Bxf4+ 19.Kb1 gxf6 20.Nd5 Bh6 *(20...Be5 21.Nb4+-)* 21.Nb4+-]

9.Bg5 e6

[9...g6? 10.Bxf6 exf6 11.Nd5**±**]

[9...Nfd7? 10.Nd5**±**]

[9...h6?! 10.Bxf6 exf6 11.Nd5 Ra7 *(11...Bd6 12.Nb6 Bc5 13.Nxa8 Bxd4 14.c3 Ba7 15.Nc7+ Kd7 16.Nd5±)* 12.0-0-0 b5 13.c4 bxc4 *(13...Be6 14.Re1 Kd7 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Nb6+ Kc6 17.Rxe6+ Bd6 18.Nd5±)* 14.Bxc4 Bc5 15.Rhe1+ Kf8 16.Nb3 Bxf2 17.Re2 Bh4 18.Nb6 Bg5+ 19.Kb1 Bf5+ 20.Ka2 g6 *(20...Nc6 21.Na5!+-)* 21.Rd8+ Kg7 22.Rxh8 Kxh8 23.Re8+ Kg7 24.Rxb8**±**]

[9...Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.g3 *(11.Be2!?↑)* 11...Rb8 12.Bf4! Rxb2 13.0-0-0**±** Rb6? 14.Bc7**±**]

[9...Nbd7 10.0-0-0 e5?! *(10...e6 11.Be2)* 11.Nf5 h6 *(11...g6? 12.Nd6+ Bxd6 13.Rxd6 Ke7 14.Ne4 b5 15.Rxf6! h6 16.Rxa6+ hxg5 17.Rxa8+-)* 12.Bh4 b5 *(12...g5 13.Bg3 Bc5 14.h4 g4 15.h5±)* 13.Be2!? *(13.f4!?↑)* 13...Bb7 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nd5 0-0-0 16.Bf3**±**]

[9...e5?! 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nd5↑

A) 11...Bd6 12.Nb6 exd4 13.Nxa8**±**;

B) 11...exd4 12.Nc7+ Kd8 13.Nxa8

B1) 13...Bc5 14.b4 Ba7 15.a4 b6 *(15...Nc6 16.b5 Nb4 17.Kd2 Be6 18.b6 Bb8 19.Nc7 Bxc7 20.bxc7+ Kxc7 21.Ra3!±)* 16.0-0-0 Bb7 17.Rxd4+ Nd7 18.Be2;

B2) 13...Nd7 14.0-0-0 Bc5 *(14...b5 15.Rxd4 Bc5 16.Rd2 Bb7 17.Be2 Bxf2 18.Kb1 Bxa8 19.Rhd1 Bc6 20.Bf3+-)* 15.b4 Ba7 16.a4! Ne5 *(16...b5 17.axb5 Bb7 18.b6 Bb8 19.Nc7+-; 16...b6 17.Rxd4 Bb7 18.Be2 Ke7 19.Rhd1 Ne5 20.Nc7+-)* 17.a5 Nc6 *(17...Ng4 18.Nb6 Nxf2 19.Rxd4+ Kc7 20.Rg1±)* 18.Nb6 Be6 19.g3 Bg4 20.Rd3 Bf5 21.Rb3 Be6 22.Bc4**±**;

C) 11...Kd8 12.Nb6 exd4 13.Nxa8]

10.0-0-0 Be7

[10...h6 11.Bh4 b5?! *(11...Be7 12.Be2 0-0 13.Bf3 Nbd7 14.Rhe1)* 12.Be2! Bb7 13.Bxf6! gxf6 14.Bh5! Bxg2 15.Rhg1**±** Bh3 16.Rg3 Bf5 17.Nxf5 exf5 18.Nd5!]

[10...Bc5 11.Be2 Bd7 12.Bf3 Bxd4 13.Rxd4 Bc6 14.Rhd1! 0-0 15.Bxf6! gxf6 16.Ne4 f5 17.Nf6+ Kg7 18.Nh5+ Kh8 19.Rd8**±**]

[10...Nbd7 11.Be2 Bc5 *(11...Be7 12.Rhe1 0-0 13.Bf3)* 12.Bf3 h6 13.Bf4! e5 *(13...0-0 14.Bg3±)* 14.Rhe1 Bxd4 15.Rxd4 0-0 16.Rxe5! Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Ra7 18.a4**⩲** b6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rd6 b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.Nxb5**±**]

11.Be2 0-0

[11...h6 12.Bh4 *(12.Bf4 0-0 13.Bf3 Nbd7 14.Rhe1)* 12...e5 13.Nb3 Nc6 14.Bf3 Bd7 15.Rhe1 0-0-0 16.Bg3**±**]

12.Bf3 Nbd7

[12...Bd7? 13.Bxb7 Ra7 14.Bf3 h6 15.Bf4 Rc8 16.Rhe1 Nc6 17.Nb3**±**]

[12...Re8 13.Rhe1 h6 14.Bf4! Nbd7 15.Nb3 Bf8 *(15...Nc5 16.Na5 g5 17.Be5 Ncd7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Ne4 Be7 20.Nc4±)* 16.h4!? e5 17.Bg3 h5 18.Na5 Ra7 *(18...Rb8 19.Nc4±)* 19.Nc4**±**]

13.Rhe1 h6 14.Bh4

[14.Bf4↑ g5 15.Bg3 g4 16.Be2 e5? 17.Nf5**±**]

14...Re8 15.Nb3! Nf8

[15...e5 16.Na5↑]

16.Na5 Ra7 17.Bg3 g5 18.h3**⩱** Chapter-Games Game 1

5...a6 6.d4 cxd4

[6...Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 *(7...Bh5 8.d5 e6 9.Qe2! Bxf3 10.Qxf3±)* 8.Qxf3 Nc6 *(8...cxd4 9.Qxb7 Nd7 10.Nd5 Rc8 11.Bxa6±)* 9.dxc5 Nd4 *(9...e6 10.Be3±)* 10.Qd3 e5 11.b4 a5 12.Bb2**±**]

[6...e6 7.Be3 *(7.Bg5!? Nf6 8.dxc5↑)* 7...cxd4 *(7...Qc7?! 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bxc5 Qxc5 10.Ne4 Qc7 11.Qd4±)* 8.Qxd4 Qxd4 9.Nxd4 Nf6 10.Be2±]

7.Qxd4 Qxd4

[7...e6 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Bf4! Nd7 10.0-0-0 Ngf6 11.Ng5 Ke8 12.Be2 h6 13.Nge4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 e5 15.Be3 f5 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Rxd6 Nf6 18.Bc4±]

8.Nxd4 e5

[8...Nf6 9.Bg5]

[8...e6]

9.Nd5!? exd4

[9...Bd6 10.Nb6 exd4 11.Nxa8±]

10.Nc7+ Kd8 11.Nxa8 Bc5 12.Bf4 Nc6 13.0-0-0! Nf6 14.b4 Ba7 15.Bc7+ Kd7

[15...Ke7? 16.Nb6+-]

16.Bb6 Bb8 17.Bc4 Be5 18.Rhe1 Ng4 19.Re2± Chapter-Games Game 1

5...b6? 6.Bb5+ Nd7

[6...Bd7? 7.Ne5 Bxb5 8.Qf3 Nf6 9.Nxb5 Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Qxa8 Qxa8 12.Nc7+ Kd8 13.Nxa8+-]

7.Ne5 Ngf6

[7...Qc7 8.d4!? *(8.Nxf7 Kxf7 9.Qf3+ Ngf6 10.Qxa8 e6 11.Qc6 Qb8 12.Qf3±)* 8...cxd4 9.Bf4 dxc3 *(9...Qb7 10.Bc6+-; 9...Qc5 10.Bc6 Rb8 11.Ne4 Qa5+ 12.b4 Qa6 13.Qxd4+-)* 10.Qd5 Ngf6 *(10...cxb2? 11.Qxf7+ Kd8 12.Qxf8+ Nxf8 13.Nf7#)* 11.Qxf7+ Kd8 12.Nc6+ Qxc6 13.Bxc6 cxb2 14.Rd1+-]

[7...e6 8.Qf3 f6 9.Qxa8 fxe5 10.Qxa7+-]

8.Qf3 Rb8 9.Nd5 e6 10.Nc6 Bb7 11.Nxd8 Bxd5 12.Qg3 Rxd8 13.0-0+-

5...Bg4 6.h3 Bh5

[6...Bxf3!? 7.Qxf3 Nc6 8.b4! e6 *(8...cxb4 9.Bb5! Qd7 10.axb4 e6 11.0-0 Bxb4 12.Ne4⩱ Nge7 13.Bb2 0-0? 14.Nf6+ gxf6 15.Qxf6 e5 16.Bxe5+-)* 9.bxc5 Bxc5 10.Ne4 Be7 11.Bb2 Nf6 12.Bd3↑]

7.Bb5+ Nc6 8.g4

[8.Ne5 Bxd1 9.Nxc6 Qb6 10.Ne5+ Kd8 11.Nxf7+ Kc8 12.Kxd1 Qg6 13.Nxh8 Qxg2 14.Re1±]

8...Bg6 9.Ne5 Qc7

[9...Rc8 10.d3 f6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bc4±]

10.Qe2! a6

[10...Bxc2? 11.d4 cxd4 12.Bf4 d3 13.Qf3+-]

11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.d3 e6 13.Bg5!±

5...g6 6.d4

[6.Bb5+!? Bd7 7.Qe2↑]

6...cxd4

[6...Bg7 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Bxd4 Nf6 9.Bxf6! Bxf6 *(9...Qxd1+? 10.Rxd1 Bxf6 11.Nd5+-)* 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.0-0-0+ Bd7 12.Ne4 Bg7 13.Bc4 e6 14.Nd6 Ke7 15.Rhe1!±]

7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.Nxd4 Bg7

[8...Bd7?! 9.Nd5 Kd8 10.Bf4 Bg7 11.0-0-0! e5 12.Bg5+ f6 13.Ne6+ Bxe6 14.Nxf6+
A) 14...Kc7? 15.Ne8+ Kc6 *(15...Kb6 16.Bd8+ Kc5 17.b4+ Kc6 18.Rd6#)* 16.Rd6+ Kc5 17.b4#;
B) 14...Ke7 15.Nxg8+**±**]
[8...Nf6 9.Ndb5! Na6 10.Be3 b6 *(10...Bf5 11.0-0-0 Bg7 12.Nxa7! Ng4 13.Bb5+ Kf8 14.Bb6 Nc7 15.Bxc7 Nxf2 16.Bb6 Nxh1 17.Rxh1 Bxc3 18.bxc3±)* 11.0-0-0 Bg7 *(11...Bb7?! 12.Nxa7 Rxa7?? 13.Bb5++-)* 12.Be2 Bb7 13.Nxa7 Bxg2 *(13...Rxa7? 14.Bb5+; 13...0-0 14.Bxa6 Bxa6 15.Bxb6±)* 14.Bb5+!? Kf8 15.Rhg1 Bf3 16.Bxa6! Rxa7 17.Rd8+ Ne8 18.Bb5 Ra8 19.Rgd1 Bxc3 20.Rxa8 Bxa8 21.Rd8 Kg7 22.Rxa8 Nc7 23.Rxh8 Kxh8 24.Bc6**±**]
9.Ndb5
[9.Be3 Nc6 10.Ndb5 Kf8 11.0-0-0**⩲**]
9...Na6 10.Nd5!? Be5 11.f4 Bb8 12.Bd2! e6 13.Bc3 exd5
[13...f6 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Bxf6 0-0 16.Be5**±**]
14.Bxh8 f6 15.g3**±**

[45] **6.b4** '!?' 6...e6 was the restrained answer by every grandmaster, who had faced it.
[6...cxb4 7.axb4
A) 7...g6 8.b5 Nd4 9.Nxd4!? Qxd4 10.Ra4 Qe5+ 11.Qe2 *(11.Be2 Bg7 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Bf3±)* 11...Qxe2+ 12.Bxe2 Nf6 *(12...Bg7?! 13.Nd5±)* 13.Bb2 Bg7 14.Nd5! Nxd5 15.Bxg7 Rg8 16.Bd4**±**;
B) 7...a6 8.b5 Nb4 9.bxa6!? *(9.Bc4⩲)* 9...bxa6 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.Ba3 e6 13.0-0 Nf6 14.Qe2 Be7 15.Rfb1 Rb8 16.Bxb4 Rxb4 17.Rxb4 Bxb4 18.Rxa6 0-0 19.Nb5**±**;
C) 7...e6 8.b5 Nd4 9.Ra4 Nf5 10.Bd3 Nf6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Qe2! *(12.Bxf5 exf5 13.Re1 0-0 14.Rxe7 Qxe7 15.Ba3 Qc7 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qa1 Qb6 18.Ra5⩲)* 12...0-0 13.Re1 Re8 14.Ne5**±**;
D) 7...Nf6 8.b5 Nd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Ra4 Qb6 11.Bd3 e6 12.0-0 Be7 13.Bb2 0-0 14.Rh4 h6 15.Qf3 Qd8 *(15...Bd7? 16.Rxh6 gxh6 17.Qg3+ Kh8 18.Na4 Qa5 19.Qf4 Kg7 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Bxf6+ Bxf6 22.Qe4+-; 15...e5 16.Qg3 Kh8 17.Qxe5±)* 16.Qg3 Qd6 *(16...Kh8 17.Ne4+-)* 17.f4;
E) 7...Nxb4 8.Ne5! *(8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Ne5 Qc7 12.Re1 e6 13.Ba3⩱)*
E1) 8...Bf5?? 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.Qf3 Qd6 11.Qxf5+-;
E2) 8...f6? 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bxc6+ Bd7 12.Bxa8 Qxa8 13.0-0**±**;
E3) 8...e6? 9.Bb5+ Ke7 *(9...Nc6 10.Qf3+-)* 10.Qh5 Nh6 *(10...g6 11.Qh4+ f6 12.Qxb4++-)* 11.Qh4+ f6 12.Ba3 a5 13.Bxb4+ axb4 14.Qxb4+ Qd6 15.Qxd6+ Kxd6 16.Rxa8+-;
E4) 8...Qd4? 9.Bb5+ Nc6 *(9...Kd8 10.Nxf7+)* 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bxc6+

Bd7 12.Bxa8+-;
E5) 8...a6? 9.Bb5+ Nc6 *(9...axb5 10.Rxa8+-)* 10.Qf3+-;
E6) 8...Qc7?! 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.d4! e6 11.Qf3 Bb4 12.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3 Bd7 14.d5 Nf6 15.Bg5 Nxd5 16.Qxg7+-;
E7) 8...Bd7 9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.d4 e6 *(10...a6? 11.Bb5 Nc6 12.d5 Rd8 13.Ba4 Qc7 14.Qe2+-)* 11.d5! exd5 *(11...Nxd5?? 12.Bb5+-)* 12.Bb5 Nc6 13.0-0
E7a) 13...Be7 14.Re1 d4 15.Bxc6;
E7b) 13...Nf6?! 14.Re1+ Be7? *(14...Kd8 15.Bg5)* 15.Ba3+-;
E7c) 13...d4 14.Re1+ Be7 *(14...Nge7? 15.Ne4 a6 16.Bf4! Kd8 17.Nd6 Nd5 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Re8+ Qxe8 20.Nxe8 Kxe8 21.Qxd4+-)* 15.Bxc6!
E7c1) 15...bxc6 16.Na4!
E7c11) 16...Rc8 17.Nc5 Qc7 *(17...Qf5 18.Qxd4 Nf6 19.Rxa7 0-0 20.Raxe7+-)* 18.Qg4 Kf8 19.Nd7+ Ke8 20.Qxg7 Kxd7 21.Qxd4++-;
E7c12) 16...Qc7 17.Ba3 Rd8 *(17...0-0-0 18.Qg4+ Qd7 19.Qxg7 Bxa3 20.Rxa3 Ne7 21.Nc5+-)* 18.Nc5 h5 *(18...Nf6? 19.Na6+-; 18...Kf8 19.Qf3 Rd6 20.Ne6+ Rxe6 21.Rxe6+-)* 19.Rb1! Rh6 20.Rb7 Qc8 *(20...Qd6 21.Qa1+-)* 21.Re4 Kf8 22.Qe1+- Bd6 23.Rb8! Qxb8 24.Re8+ Rxe8 25.Nd7#;
E7c2) 15...Qxc6 16.Qxd4
E7c21) 16...Nf6? 17.Rxe7+ Kxe7 18.Ba3+ Ke8 19.Re1++-;
E7c22) 16...Kf8 17.Nd5! Rd8 *(17...Bc5 18.Ba3 Rc8 19.Bb4 Nf6 20.Ra5 b6 21.Ne7 Bxd4 22.Nxc6+ Bc5 23.Rxc5+-)* 18.Nxe7 Rxd4 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Ba3++-;
E7c23) 16...f6 17.Nd5 Kf7 *(17...Rd8 18.Nxe7! Nxe7 19.Qe3 Rd7 20.Ba3 Qc7 21.Re2 Qe5 22.Rae1+-)* 18.Nf4 Bd6 *(18...Rd8 19.Qe3! Qb6 20.Qe2 g6 21.Qc4+ Ke8 22.Ne6+-)* 19.Qd3 Bxf4 20.Qb3+ Kg6 21.Bxf4 h5 22.Qd3+ Kf7 23.h4±;
E8) 8...Nf6 9.Bb5+
E8a) 9...Nd7? 10.Qf3 Qc7 *(10...f6? 11.Qh5+ g6 12.Nxg6+-)* 11.Nxf7 Nxc2+ 12.Kd1 Nd4 *(12...Nxa1 13.Nxh8+-)* 13.Qh5 g6 14.Qd5 Nxb5 15.Nxb5 Qc5 16.Nxh8+-;
E8b) 9...Bd7 '!' 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Ra4! '!?' *(11.Ba3 e6!)*
E8b1) 11...e5 12.Qg4 *(12.Ba3 Nc6 13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.0-0⩲)*
E8b11) 12...Nxc2+ 13.Kd1 Nd4?? *(13...Nb4 14.Rxb4 Bxb4 15.Qxb4±)* 14.Rxd4 exd4 15.Re1+ Be7 16.Qxg7 Rf8 17.Nd5+-;
E8b12) 12...h5 13.Qe4 Nc6 14.d4 Bb4 15.Rxb4! Nxb4 16.dxe5 Nc6 17.e6 Nb6 18.0-0± 0-0? 19.exf7+ Rxf7 20.Bd3+-;
E8b2) 11...e6!? 12.Qg4 *(12.Ba3 a5∞)*
E8b21) 12...Nc6 13.0-0 Nf6 *(13...Nb6 14.Rf4 g6 15.Qf3 Qc7 16.Ne4! Nd5 17.d3! Nxf4 18.Bxf4 Qb6 19.Rb1)* 14.Qf3 Qc7

15.Bb2!? Be7 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 0-0 18.Rfe1 a6 19.Qc3 e5 *(19...Bf6?? 20.Qxf6! gxf6 21.Rg4+ Kh8 22.Bxf6#)* 20.Bxc6 Qxc6 21.Qxc6 bxc6 22.Bxe5**±**;

E8b22) 12...a5 13.0-0 h5 *(13...g6 14.Qd4 Rg8 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Qxd6±; 13...Nxc2 14.Qe4 Nb4 15.Qxb7 Rc8 16.Rxa5±)* 14.Qf3 Qc7 15.Ne4 Be7 *(15...Qxc2? 16.Ng5 0-0-0 17.Nxf7 Be7 18.Ba3 Kb8 19.Nxh8+-)* 16.c3 Nd5 *(16...Nc6 17.d4 0-0 18.Bf4 e5 19.dxe5 Ndxe5 20.Qxh5 Qb6 21.Rb1±)* 17.Rc4 Qd8 18.Rd4 0-0 19.Qxh5 f5 20.Ng3 N7f6 21.Qg6 Qb6 22.Bc4 Rad8 *(22...a4? 23.Nxf5 exf5 24.Rxd5+-)* 23.Ba2**±**;

E8b23) 12...Nxc2+ 13.Kd1 a6 *(13...Nb4 14.Rxb4 Bxb4 15.Qxb4 a6 16.Ne4! axb5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Nf5+ Nc5 19.Qxc5+ Ke8 20.Re1 Rg8 21.Re3 Qd7 22.Ba3 Ra6 23.Rd3+-)* 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 15.Kxc2 b5 16.Rd4 Qc6 17.Qe4**±**;

E8b3) 11...Nc6

E8b31) 12.d4!? Rc8 *(12...e6 13.d5 exd5 14.Nxd5 Bd6 15.Qe2+ Kf8 16.0-0⩲)* 13.Ne4 *(13.d5 Nce5 14.Qd4 a6 15.Bxd7+ Nxd7 16.0-0 Qb6 17.Rc4 Rxc4 18.Qxc4 Qc5 19.Qd3 e6 20.Rd1⩲)* 13...e6 14.d5 exd5 15.Qxd5 Be7 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Qxd6 Qe7+ 18.Qxe7+ Kxe7 19.0-0⩲;

E8b32) 12.Qf3

E8b321) 12...Rc8 13.Bxc6 Rxc6 14.Rxa7 e6 15.Rxb7 Qc8 16.Rb3**±**;

E8b322) 12...Nde5 13.Qe4 a6 *(13...Qd6? 14.d4 Ng6 15.d5+-)* 14.Qxe5 axb5 15.Qxb5 Rxa4 16.Nxa4**±**;

E8b323) 12...Qc7?! 13.d4

E8b3231) 13...0-0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 *(14...Qxc6 15.d5 Qf6 16.Rc4+ Kb8 17.Bf4+ Ka8 18.0-0)* 15.Rc4 c5 *(15...Kb7 16.0-0 Nb6 17.Bf4 e5 18.Bxe5 Qc8 19.Rb1)* 16.0-0 e6 17.dxc5 Ne5 18.Qa8+ Qb8 *(18...Kd7 19.Rd4+ Ke8 20.Nb5+-)* 19.Qxb8+ Kxb8 20.Bf4 f6 21.Rb1+ Ka8 22.Bxe5 fxe5 23.Nb5 Rc8 *(23...Rd7 24.c6+-)* 24.c6 Be7 25.Nxa7+-;

E8b3232) 13...e5 14.Nd5 *(14.0-0!?)* 14...Qc8 15.0-0 Nxd4 16.Rxd4 exd4 17.Re1+ Kd8 18.Qxf7+-;

E8b3233) 13...e6 14.d5

E8b32331) 14...exd5? 15.Nxd5 Qb8 16.Re4+ Nde5 17.Qh5+-;

E8b32332) 14...Nde5? 15.Qe2 exd5 *(15...Rc8 16.Bf4 Bd6 17.dxc6+-)* 16.Nxd5 Qb8 17.f4 Bc5 18.fxe5 0-0 19.Rc4+-;

E8b32333) 14...Nce5 15.Qh3 0-0-0 *(15...exd5 16.Nxd5 Qc5 17.c4 a6 18.Ba3 Qd4 19.0-0 Rc8 20.Bxd7+ Nxd7 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Raa1+-; 15...Rc8 16.dxe6 Qxc3+ 17.Qxc3 Rxc3 18.exd7+ Nxd7 19.Rd4+-)* 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Bg5↑

Re8 *(17...Bd6 18.Bxd8 Rxd8 19.Bxd7+ Qxd7 20.0-0±; 17...Bc5 18.Bxd8 Rxd8 19.0-0±)* 18.0-0 Kb8 19.Bf4 Bd6 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 *(20...Nxd7 21.Nb5+-)* 21.Rd1 Nf7 22.Rad4+-;

E8b3234) 13...a6 14.Nd5 Qc8 15.Bf4 e5 16.dxe5 Bb4+ 17.Kf1

E8b32341) 17...0-0? 18.Bxc6 bxc6 *(18...Qxc6 19.Rxb4 Qxc2 20.g3+-)* 19.Nxb4+-;

E8b32342) 17...Be7 18.e6 fxe6 *(18...0-0?? 19.Bxc6+-)* 19.Nc7+ Kf7 *(19...Kd8 20.Nxe6+ Ke8 21.Nxg7+ Kf7 22.Bc4+ Kxg7 23.Qg4++-)* 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Nxa8 Qxa8 22.g3+-;

E8b324) 12...Qc8 13.d4

E8b3241) 13...e6?! 14.d5!

E8b32411) 14...exd5 15.Nxd5 Bd6 16.Qe3+ Nde5 17.f4 0-0 18.fxe5 Re8 *(18...Nxe5 19.Qxe5! Bxe5 20.Ne7+ Kh8 21.Nxc8 Rfxc8 22.Bd3+-)* 19.Re4 Bxe5 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Rxe5 Rxe5 22.Qxe5 cxd5 23.Bb2 Qf8 24.0-0+-;

E8b32412) 14...Nce5? 15.Qg3 Bd6 16.Ne4 Qc7 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.Bxd7+ Qxd7 19.Rd4+-;

E8b3242) 13...a6 14.Bxc6 Qxc6 15.d5 Qf6 16.Rf4↑ Qe5+ *(16...Qg6 17.0-0 Qxc2 18.Ba3 Ne5 19.Qe3 f6 20.Re4 Rc8 21.Rc1 Qb3 22.Bc5 e6 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.dxe6±)* 17.Re4 Qf6 18.Qh3 Rc8 19.Bd2↑;

E8b325) 12...g6!? 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxc6 0-0 16.Nd5 Nb6=;

E8b326) 12...e6!? 13.0-0 *(13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Qxc6 a5 15.Rd4 Rc8 16.Qa4 Bc5 17.Rd3 Qc7 18.Ne4 Bb4⇄)* 13...Be7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxc6 0-0 16.Rd4 Ne5 17.Qe4 Qb6=;

E9) 8...Nc6 9.Qh5!

E9a) 9...Nh6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Bb2 e6 12.0-0 Be7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Nd5! Qxd5 15.Qxd5 exd5 16.Bxg7 Rg8 17.Bxh6**±**;

E9b) 9...g6 10.Bc4!

E9b1) 10...e6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Qf3 Nf6 *(12...Bd7 13.Ne4 f5 14.Qc3 fxe4 15.Qxh8 Nf6 16.Ba3±; 12...Bb7 13.Rb1 Qd7 14.Ne4± Bg7? 15.Rxb7 Qxb7 16.Nd6++-)* 13.0-0**⩲**;

E9b2) 10...Nxe5?! 11.Qxe5

E9b21) 11...f6 12.Qb5+ Bd7 *(12...Qd7 13.Qb3!±)* 13.Qxb7**±**;

E9b22) 11...Nf6 12.Nb5 Bg7 13.Nc7+ Kf8 14.Nxa8 Ne8 15.Qa5 Qd4 16.Ra4 Qe4+ 17.Be2 Qxg2 18.Rf1 Qxh2 19.Qd8+-;

E9c) 9...Be6 10.Bb5 Qc7 *(10...Rc8 11.Rxa7 Qb6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Ra6 Qb7 14.Qf3 Bd7 15.Ba3±; 10...Qd6 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Qf3 Rc8 13.Qe3 a6 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Rxa6±)* 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Qf3 Bd7

(12...Rc8 13.d4 Nd7 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Ba6 Rd8 17.Rfb1 Qxd4 18.Bc7+-) 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 *(13...Qxd7 14.d4 e6 15.Ra6 Rc8 16.Rxa7±)* 14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Bb2 e6 16.Rfe1**±**;

E9d) 9...Nxe5 10.Qxe5

E9d1) 10...Nf6? 11.Nb5 Be6 *(11...Ng4 12.Nc7+ Kd7 13.Bb5#; 11...Kd7 12.Ra3+-; 11...Nd5 12.Qxd5 Qxd5 13.Nc7+ Kd7 14.Nxd5+-)* 12.Nc7+ Kd7 13.Bb5+ Kc8 14.Nxa8+-;

E9d2) 10...e6 11.Nb5 f6 12.Qc7 Nh6 13.Ba3 Bd7 *(13...Bxa3 14.Qxg7±)* 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Qxb7 Rb8 16.Qxa7 Bxb5 17.Rb1 Nf5 18.Bxb5 Nd4 19.Qc5+ Kf7 20.c3**±**;

E9d3) 10...a6 11.Nb5! f6 12.Qc7 Nh6 13.Bc4 *(13.Bd3!? e6 14.Ra4↑)* 13...e6 14.0-0 Be7 15.Re1 Nf5 *(15...0-0 16.Qxd8 Bxd8 17.Nd4±)* 16.Bb2 Kf7 17.Qxd8 Rxd8 *(17...Bxd8 18.g4 Nh4 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Re3±)* 18.Nc7 Rb8 *(18...Rxd2 19.Rxe6 Bxe6 20.Bxe6+ Kg6 21.Nxa8 Rxc2 22.Bxf5+ Kxf5 23.Bd4±)* 19.Nxe6 Rxd2 20.Bb3**±**;

E9d4) 10...f6 11.Bb5+ *(11.Qe4!?)* 11...Bd7 12.Qe4 Bxb5 13.Nxb5 Qd7 14.Rb1**⩲** a6?! 15.Nd4 Rb8 16.Ne6 Kf7 17.Rb6+-;

E9d5) 10...Bd7 11.Nb5 Qb8 12.Bb2! *(12.Qxb8+ Rxb8 13.Rxa7±)* 12...Qxe5+ *(12...f6 13.Nc7+ Kd8 14.Ne6+ Ke8 15.Qe4±)* 13.Bxe5 Rc8 *(13...Kd8 14.Nxa7 Ke8 15.Bc4±)* 14.Nxa7 Rxc2 *(14...Rc5 15.Bd4± Rxc2? 16.Kd1 Rc7 17.Bb6 Rc6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Ra8+ Kd7 20.Rd8+ Ke6 21.Bc4++-)* 15.Bc3 Nf6 16.Bd3 Rxc3 17.dxc3 e6 *(17...e5 18.0-0±)* 18.Rb1**±** Chapter 39-Game 1 Game 1 Chapter-Games Game 1]

[6...e5 7.Bb5! cxb4 *(7...a6? 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.Nxe5 Bd6 10.Qe2 Ne7 11.Nxc6 Qc7 12.Nxe7±)* 8.axb4 Bxb4 9.Nxe5 Nge7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nd3 Bd6 12.Re1**⩲**]

[6...Nf6 7.Bb5! *(7.bxc5 e5!)*

A) 7...cxb4 8.axb4 e6 9.Bxc6+! *(9.Ba3 Bd7∞)* 9...bxc6 10.Ba3 Ba6 11.d3 Rb8 12.0-0 Be7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Ne4

A1) 14...Nd5 15.c4 Nc7 16.Rfd1 Bxb4 17.Nc5↑ Bxa3 *(17...Bxc5 18.Bxc5 Re8 19.Ne5± Bb7 20.Qh5! g6 21.Qh3 a6 22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.Qxh7+ Kf6 24.g4 e5 25.d4+-)* 18.Rxa3 Bc8 19.Rxa7**±**;

A2) 14...Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Bb7 16.Qe3 Qb6 *(16...a6 17.Ne5⩲)* 17.Ne5 Qxe3 18.fxe3 Rbd8 19.b5! Bxa3 20.Rxa3 cxb5 21.Rxa7 f6 *(21...Bd5 22.Rfxf7 Rxf7 23.Nxf7 Rc8 24.e4 Bc6 25.Ng5±)* 22.Rxb7 fxe5 23.Rxb5**±**;

B) 7...e6 8.bxc5 Bxc5 9.d4

B1) 9...Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Re1 *(12.Rb1!? Bd7 13.Bd3⩲)* 12...Bd7 13.Ne2**⩲**;

B2) 9...Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 *(11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Be3 Nf6 13.Ne2 Nd5 14.Bd2⩲)* 11...Bd7 12.Bd3 a6 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Rc8 15.c4**⩲**;

B3) 9...Bb6 10.Na4 Bc7 11.0-0 h6 *(11...0-0 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 a6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Ne5⩲)* 12.Ne5 Bd7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Nc5 Qd6 15.g3

0-0 16.c3 *(16.Nxb7 Qxd4 17.Be3 Qxd1 18.Raxd1 Ne5 19.Kg2±)* 16...Na5 17.a4 b6 *(17...a6 18.Bd3±)* 18.Na6±;

C) 7...Bd7 8.bxc5 e5 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Nxe5 Bxg2? *(10...Bxc5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Qe2+ Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qc4 Qd7 15.d3±)* 11.Qe2 Qe7 *(11...Be7 12.Rg1 Bd5 13.Rxg7±)* 12.Rg1 Bc6 13.d4 0-0-0 14.Be3±]

6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 e5⇄

[46] **7...cxb4!?** 8.axb4 Nxb4 9.0-0

[9.Ne5 e6 10.Bb5+ Nd7∓]

9...e6 10.Ne5

[10.d4 Be7∓]

[10.Bb2 Be7 11.Re1 0-0∓]

10...Bd6 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Ba3∞

8.b5 Nd4 9.Bb2 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0

[10...Ng4?! 11.g3! Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Ne5 *(12...Nxh2? 13.Kxh2 Qh4+ 14.Kg1 Qxc4 15.Rfe1⩲)* 13.Qe2 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 0-0 15.Ne4∞]

11.Re1 Qc7

[11...Ng4?! 12.h3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Ne5 14.Qe2 Nxc4 15.Qxc4↑]

12.h3

[12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Rxe4 e5∓]

12...b6 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.Ne4

[14.Nxd4? cxd4 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 e5∓ Δ f5]

14...Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4!

[15...Nxb5!?

A) 16.a4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Qc6 18.Rg4 Nd4 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Bxd4 e5 21.Bc3 f5↑;

B) 16.Qe2 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Qe7 18.Qg4 f5 19.Qg5 *(19.Qc4 Nc7∓)* 19...Qxg5 20.Nxg5 e5 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 Rae8↑;

C) 16.c4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Qc6 18.Rg4 Nd4 19.Bxd4 cxd4 20.Nxd4 Qc5 21.Qe2∞]

16.Rxe4 e5! 17.d3 Rae8 18.Bxd4 cxd4∓ Van De Berkmortel,T (2278)-Dembo,Y (2423) Kavala 2004 CI1-130 [Dembo,Yelena]

[47] **3.Nf3** d5

[3...Nc6

A) 4.b4 cxb4 *(4...d5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5)* 5.axb4 Nxb4 *(5...Bxb4 6.c3 Be7 7.d4 d5 8.e5)* 6.c3 Nc6 7.d4 d5 8.e5;

B) 4.d3 d5 5.Qe2;

C) 4.Nc3

C1) 4...d6 5.b4;

C2) 4...a6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qc7 7.Be3

C2a) 7...b5 8.Nxc6 Qxc6 9.Be2 Bb7 10.Qd2 '!?' *(10.0-0 Nf6 11.Bf3 e5)* 10...Rc8 11.Bd4;

C2b) 7...Nf6 8.f4 '!?' *(8.Be2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.f4 d6)* 8...d6 9.Qf3 Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0;

C3) 4...d5

C3a) 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nf6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.f4 Qc7 11.Qe1 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 *(12.Nxd5* '!?' *)* 12...b5 13.Qg3;

C3b) 5.exd5 exd5 6.d4 Nf6 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.b4 Bd6 10.Bg5;

D) 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Nc3 a6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.h3 8.f4 gains popularity. 8.f4 wird beliebter. Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.Bc4N *(*Predecessor: *10.Be2 b5 11.Bf4 d6 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Bf3 e5 14.Bg5 Be6 15.Rd1 Rfd8 16.0-0* 0-1 (43) Nita, A (1335)-Raduta Gib,S (1573) ROM-ch U14 Calimanesti Caciulata 2016 (5) *)* 10...Ne5 11.Bb3 Nc4 12.Bxc4 Qxc4 13.Qd3 Qc7 14.0-0 b5 15.f4 Bb7 16.g4 b4 17.axb4 Bxb4 18.e5 Nd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.b3 Qb7 21.Rf2 Rfc8 22.c4 Be4 23.Qd1 Bc3 24.Raa2 Rab8 25.Ra3 Rd8 26.Rfa2 d6 27.Qc1 Bxd4 28.Bxd4 Bf3 29.Qe3 dxe5 30.Qxe5 f6 31.Qxe6+ Kh8 32.Qe3 Re8 33.Qc3 Qe4 34.Rf2 Bd1 35.b4 Qb1 36.Ra1 Qb3 37.Qd2 Qg3+ 38.Kf1 Qxh3+ 39.Kg1 Qg3+ 40.Kf1 Bxg4 41.Bc5 Bh3+ 42.Rg2 Bxg2+ 43.Qxg2 Qxf4+ 44.Kg1 Qxc4 45.Ra2 Qc1+ 46.Kh2 Qf4+ 47.Kh3 Qh6+ 48.Kg3 Qg6+ 49.Kh2 Qh5+ 50.Kg3 Re5 51.Kf2 Rbe8 0-1 (51) Kuzmanoski,O (1537)-Tabakovski,D (1929) Skopje 2023]

4.exd5 exd5 5.d4 The position has transposed to a sort of French Defence where the a3 pawn still looks silly. Gary Lane: 'The position has transposed to a sort of French Defence where the a3 pawn still looks silly. Lane,Gary: 'The position has transposed to a sort of French Defence where the a3 pawn still looks silly."

[5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.d4 Nf6 7.0-0 '**±**']

5...Nc6 6.Be3 c4 7.b3 cxb3 8.cxb3 Bd6 9.Bd3 Nge7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nc3 The position is level but there is still plenty of play for both sides. Gary Lane: 'The position is level but there is still plenty of play for both sides. Lane,Gary: 'The position is level but there is still plenty of play for both sides." 11...Bf5

12.b4 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'The pawn grab after"

[The pawn grab after 12.Bxf5 Nxf5 13.Nxd5 is refuted by Bxh2+ 14.Kxh2 Qxd5 when Black is better.]

12...Re8 13.Rc1 Qd7 14.Re1 Rac8 15.Bf1 f6 16.Na4 Ng6 17.Nc5 After the excitement of 2 a3 White has been playing very quietly but has now secured an edge. Gary Lane: 'After the excitement of 2 a3 White has been playing very quietly but has now secured an edge. Lane,Gary: 'After the excitement of 2 a3 White has been playing very quietly but has now secured an edge." 17...Qf7

18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 b6 20.Nb3 Qd7 21.b5 Nce7 22.a4 Qf5 23.Qxf5 Nxf5 The ending is equal. 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Rc1 Rc4! A nice move which demonstrates that White has been trying too hard to win a level position and has now allowed Black to seize the initiative. Gary Lane: 'A nice move which demonstrates that White has been trying too hard to win a level position and has now allowed Black to seize the initiative. Lane,Gary: 'A nice move which

demonstrates that White has been trying too hard to win a level position and has now allowed Black to seize the initiative." 26.Rxc4 dxc4 27.Na1 Nf4 28.Bxf4 Bxf4 29.Nc2 Kf7 30.g3 Bc1 31.Kf1 Nd6
[31...Ke6 32.g4 Nd6 33.h4 Kd5 with an edge.]
32.Ke2 Ne4 33.Kd1 Bh6 34.Nb4 Ke6
[34...Nxf2+!? looks like a better idea when 35.Kc2 Ne4 36.Nc6 Ke6 37.Nxa7 Nd6 38.Nc6 Be3 gives Black the brighter prospects.]
35.Nc6
[35.Kc2 g5 =, quiet Gary Lane: '=']
35...Kd5 36.Nxa7
[36.Ne7+ Kd6 37.Nc8+ Kc7 38.Nxa7 Nxf2+ 39.Kc2 Ne4 =, quiet Gary Lane: '=']
36...Nc3+ 37.Kc2 Nxa4 38.Nc6 g6 39.Ng1 Bf8 40.f3 Ba3 41.Ne2 Bb2
Black puts pressure on the d4 pawn but the danger is that the bishop will be cut off if he is not careful. Gary Lane: 'Black puts pressure on the d4 pawn but the danger is that the bishop will be cut off if he is not careful. Lane,Gary: 'Black puts pressure on the d4 pawn but the danger is that the bishop will be cut off if he is not careful."
[41...Bd6 42.h4 =, quiet Gary Lane: '=']
42.g4 g5? Black is being careless. Gary Lane: 'Black is being careless. Lane,Gary: 'Black is being careless."
[42...Kd6!? is still about equal.]
43.Nb4+
[43.Ne7+!? Ke6 44.Nf5 Ba3 45.Nc3 is much better for White.]
43...Kd6 44.Nc6
[44.Kd2 +/- Gary Lane: '**±**']
44...Kd5 45.h3 Ba1? The bishop is going no where in the corner of the board. Gary Lane: 'The bishop is going no where in the corner of the board. Lane,Gary: 'The bishop is going no where in the corner of the board."
[45...Ke6 is a better option.]
46.Ne7+ Ke6 47.Nf5 h5
[47...Bb2 48.Ne3 +- Gary Lane: '+-']
48.Ne3
[48.d5+!? Kf7 49.gxh5 Be5 +- Gary Lane: '+-']
48...hxg4 49.hxg4 Bb2 50.Nxc4?
[50.d5+ is a winner upon Kd7 51.Nxc4 +- Gary Lane: '+-']
50...Bxd4 51.Nxd4+ Kd5 52.Kd3 Nc5+ 53.Kc3 Na4+ ½-½ (53) Shivananda,B (2396)-Konguvel,P (2331) Mumbai IND 2003 [Gary Lane]
3.h3 Gary Lane: '!?' Gary Lane: 'I think White is only playing this so that in future years people will say he was the first person to advance the h-pawn. They will also add that the idea is rather silly. Lane,Gary: 'I think White is only playing this so that in future years people will say he was the first person to advance the h-pawn. They will also add that the idea is rather silly." 3...Nc6

4.Nf3 Qc7 5.Be2 Gary Lane: 'a sign that White is hardly showing much ambition but a closed position does mean that in the long-term his advance of the a and h-pawns will not be that important when considering the loss of time. Lane,Gary: 'a sign that White is hardly showing much ambition but a closed position does mean that in the long-term his advance of the a and h-pawns will not be that important when considering the loss of time." 5...Nf6 6.d3 Be7 7.Nbd2 d5 8.0-0 0-0 9.c3 Rd8 10.Qc2 Qb6 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'perhaps"
[Gary Lane: 'perhaps' 10...b6 Gary Lane: 'to move his bishop to a6 or b7 is a wiser choice. Lane,Gary: 'to move his bishop to a6 or b7 is a wiser choice."]
11.b4 d4 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.b5 Na5 14.Nfe5 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'or"
[Gary Lane: 'or' 14.cxd4 Gary Lane: '!?' cxd4 15.Bb2 Gary Lane: 'with an edge']
14...Nxc4 15.Nxc4 Bd7 16.a4 Rac8 17.Bg5 e5 18.Rad1 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'instead"
[Gary Lane: 'instead' 18.Rab1 dxc3 19.Qxc3 Be6 20.Be3 Gary Lane: 'is also equal']
18...Be6 19.Nb2 Qa5 20.Bd2 Qc7 21.c4 b6 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'or"
[Gary Lane: 'or' 21...a5 22.bxa6 bxa6 23.Rb1 Gary Lane: 'is equal']
22.Ra1 Bd6 23.Ra3 Gary Lane: 'led to equal chances in Zakar,D-Sztruhar, Z/ Budapest 2003. Lane,Gary: 'led to equal chances in Zakar,D-Sztruhar,Z/ Budapest 2003."

[48] **3...b6!** Yes, this is fine. What role does a2-a3 play in this position? Richard Palliser: '!?' Richard Palliser: '. To be frank, I'm not really sure what White is doing here: as the game progresses Black's slightly better central control should count for something and he is most certainly no worse placed than White to play on the queenside should that flank open up. The recent game Y.Khalukov-D. Batsanin, Russian Team Championship 2007, continued:' The best move - White essentially has wasted a tempo on a3 to play b4, so it's a good idea to decline the pawn and focus on normal development, White will be struggling to keep equality. If you are feeling adventurous, you can always accept the pawn. Just be ready, as White will have compensation for it, including access to the early Qg4 maneuver. 4.bxc5
[perhaps 4.Bb2 Bb7 5.Nc3 should be preferred, although after Nc6 there is a definite threat to capture on b4 and 6.bxc5 bxc5 7.Nf3 Nd4! 8.Be2 Nf6 9.d3 d5 gave Black an easy game in K.Lie-L.Johannessen, Norwegian Championship, Sandnes 2005; White's minor pieces collectively look a little misplaced here]
[4.Nf3
A) 4...cxb4 5.axb4 Bxb4 6.c3 *(6.Bb2 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.c4⩱)* 6...Be7 7.d4
A1) 7...Nf6 8.e5
A1a) 8...Nd5 9.c4 Nb4 10.d5!? d6? *(10...exd5 11.cxd5 Bc5 12.Nc3⩱)* 11.Qa4+;
A1b) 8...Ne4 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.Nfd2!? Nxd2 11.Nxd2 0-0 12.Ne4↑;
A2) 7...d5 8.e5⩱;

B) 4...Bb7 After this simple move, White has some issues protecting the pawn on e4. If White plays either 5.Bd3 or 5.d3 to protect the pawn, Black can take the b-pawn. Now White's attempts to grab the pawn center will feel like a clear concession, compared to similar lines. Black already has the light-squared bishop on b7. 5.bxc5

B1) 5...Bxe4 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.cxb6 *(7.d4!? bxc5 8.d5 Nf6 9.Bc4 Qa5 10.Bd2 Ba6 11.Be2⩲)* 7...Qxb6 8.Rb1 Qc7 9.Nb5! Qc6 10.Ne5!? *(10.Bd3 a6 11.Nbd4 Qc7 12.0-0±)* 10...Qe4+ 11.Qe2 Qxc2 *(11...Qxe2+ 12.Bxe2 Na6 13.0-0 Nf6 14.Re1±)* 12.Nc3 Nc6 13.Nxd7! Rd8! 14.Ne5! Nxe5 15.Qxe5 Bc6 16.Bb5 Ne7 17.0-0 Qg6 *(17...Qf5 18.Qxf5 exf5 19.Re1 Bxb5 20.Rxb5± g6? 21.Nd5 f6 22.a4! a6 23.Nxf6+ Kf7 24.Rb7+-)* 18.Bxc6+ Nxc6 19.Qb5 e5 20.d4! Rb8 21.Qa4 Rxb1 22.Nxb1 Qe6 *(22...exd4 23.Bf4 Be7 24.Rc1 Kd7 25.Nd2+-)* 23.d5! Qxd5 24.Rd1 Qe6 25.Be3 Be7 26.Rc1 Kd7 27.Nc3+- Chapter-Games Game 1;

B2) 5...bxc5 6.Nc3 Nc6 It's best to start with this move so that Rb1 can be answered with ...Rb8. 7.Rb1 Rb8 White has protected the pawn on e4, but now he can't do anything active in the center as the d4 push would create numerous weaknesses on the queenside. 8.Bc4 Gelman, A. ĊĊStartBracketĊĊ2460ĊĊEndBracketĊĊ - Vokarev, S. ĊĊStartBracketĊĊ2594ĊĊEndBracketĊĊ chess.com Titled Tuesday 2020. Here Black has several ways to continue with normal development, but the following continuation looks particularly good. Ba8 The idea is to fight for control of the e5-square right away. 9.Rxb8 Qxb8 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Re1 Bd6 Black has control over the central squares. 12.Nb5 Be7 13.e5 Nd5 the knight on b5 doesn't do much. Early B4 Ideas-Mengarini Variation A3]

4...bxc5

[4...Bxc5 5.d4 Be7 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 is probably a bit better for White. Why give him the centre like this?]

5.Nc3

[White has also tried 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.d4!? cxd4 7.c3 , but I'm not convinced that this is an improved Morra; Black might well capture on c3 and a good alternative is Nf6!? 8.e5 Nd5 9.cxd4 Rb8 10.Bd3 Ba6! , already taking advantage of the open queenside lines to gain an improved version of the c3 Sicilian]

5...Nc6

[another sensible approach was revealed in F.Sanz Alonso-P.San Segundo Carrillo, Elgoibar 1999: 5...g6 6.g3 Bg7 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.Nge2 Rb8 9.0-0 Nge7 10.d3 0-0 11.Bf4 d6 with a standard Closed Sicilian set-up and with the b-file already open]

6.Nf3 White now has to make something of the position. He has tried several alternatives:

[6.g3 To be honest, I find this Closed Sicilian hybrid a bit rubbishy. Rb8 *(6...d6 7.Bg2 Bd7 8.Nge2 Nf6 9.0-0 Be7 10.d3 0-0 11.h3 Rb8 12.Be3 Qa5* Richard Palliser: '!' Richard Palliser: 'and Black's queenside play was much more

potent than anything White could produce on the kingside. Quite simply, once the b-file has opened, White seems to struggle for a good plan.' *13.f4 Rb2 14.Bc1 Rb6 15.Bd2 Qa6 16.g4 Rc8 17.Ng3 Nd4 18.e5 Ne8 19.Nce4 Ba4 20.g5 Bxc2∓* Khalukov,Y (2398)-Batsanin,D (2452)/Sochi 2007 *)* 7.Bg2 Nge7 8.f4 d6 9.Nge2 g6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Kh1 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Ne2 f5 14.exf5 Nxf5 15.c3 0-0 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Qb6 18.d3 Qxd4 19.Ra2 Bb7 20.Re1 Bxg2+∓ Vocaturo,D (2450) -Agrest,E (2561)/Arvier 2007]

[6.Rb1! This is a bit more like it. At least White justifies b2-b4 this way.

A) 6...Bd6!? is an interesting Deep Fritz suggestion: 7.Nf3 *(7.Qg4 Nf6 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qh6 Nd4 10.Rb2 Rb8∞; 7.Bc4 Nf6 8.d3 0-0 9.f4 Bc7∞)* 7...Nge7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bc7 with ... d7-d5 to come.;

B) 6...g6 7.Bb2 Nf6 8.Nb5 e5 9.f4 d6 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 a6 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Nc7+ Qxc7 15.Qxf6 Rg8 16.Bc4 Rg7 17.Bd5 1-0 Collette, B (2165)-Randisi,A (2076)/Paris 2004]

6...Rb8! Black is first to the b file! 7.Bc4 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Qe1 A most peculiar square for the Queen, although I am not sure White knows where he is going.

9...Qa5 10.Rb1 Rxb1 11.Nxb1 Qb6 12.Nc3 Na5 13.Be2 Ne7= One does not play chess to get these positions with White. Black is very comfortable indeed.

14.d3

[14.Na4 Qc7 15.Bb2 Bxb2 16.Nxb2 0-0 17.c3 f5∞ *(17...f6=)*]

14...d6 15.Bd2 Nac6 16.Qa1?! Common sense should tell him this cannot be right, but he wants to play the Rook to b1. I think that is where the Queen should have gone:

[16.Qb1 Qd8! *(16...Qxb1 17.Rxb1 Kd7 18.Kf1 f5=)* 17.Qb3 0-0 18.Rb1 Nd4 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Nd1 f5 This is not very thrilling.]

16...0-0 17.Rb1 Qd8 18.Qa2 h6

[18...f5! is a sharp try which assumes the initiative: 19.exf5 *(19.Qc4 Qd7 20.Nd1 Nd4 21.Nxd4 cxd4∓)* 19...Nxf5 20.Ne4 Nfd4∓]

19.Qc4 g5 20.Bd1 g4 21.Ne1 Qa5!∓ 22.Qb3 Ba6! Bruno starts to outplay his opponent. White is so constipated he feels the urge to try to release the pressure: 23.Bxg4?

[23.a4 h5 24.g3 Nd4∓]

[23.e5 Nxe5 24.Ne4 Qc7 25.Qa4 Bc8∓]

23...Rb8! 24.Qxb8+ What else?

[If 24.Qa2]

24...Nxb8 25.Rxb8+ Kh7 26.Nb1 Qc7-+ I have rarely seen a position where White's pieces are so uncoordinated. 27.Rb3 c4 28.dxc4 Qxc4 29.Rd3 Ng6 30.Be2 Qxe4 31.Re3 Qa4 32.Bxa6 Qxa6 33.Nf3 Qc4 34.Bc3 Qa2 35.Bxg7 Kxg7 36.Nbd2 Qxc2 37.g3 d5 38.h4 a5 39.Rb3 e5 40.Rb5 e4 41.Rxa5 exf3 42.Rxd5 Qd1+ Now I can imagine you looking over this game and thinking: 'what a load of rubbish' Yet that is precisely the type of position which White is seeking to promote! With 2 a3 he is basically attempting to take the Sicilian player as far away as possible from routine and dump him in the jungle on his own. My own

view is that 2 a3 is inadequate for advantage and that the best way to meet it is to angle for a position where 2 a3 is almost a wasted move, so 2...g6 and 2...e6, omitting a later cxb4 make perfect sense. On that rare occasion you have to face 2 a3 in your own games, you now have a good reply. 0-1 (42) Klings,P (2173)-Bruno,F (2450) Porto Mannu Palau ITA 2008 [Andrew Martin]

3...Nf6 4.e5 Nd5

[4...Ng8?! 5.bxc5 Bxc5 6.d4 Bb6 7.a4±]

5.c4 Nc7

[5...Nb6 6.bxc5 Bxc5 7.d4 Be7 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Nf3 f6 *(9...0-0 10.Nc3 f6 11.c5 Nd5 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.0-0±)* 10.Nc3 fxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 0-0 13.Be3±]

6.bxc5 Bxc5 7.d4 Be7

[7...Bb6 8.Nf3 *(8.c5!? Ba5+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Nxd2 b6 11.Ngf3 Bb7 12.Bd3±)* 8...Nc6 9.Nc3 d5 10.exd6 Ba5 11.Bb2 Qxd6 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0±]

8.Qg4 Kf8

[8...0-0!? 9.Bh6 Ne8∞]

9.Nf3 d6 10.Bg5 Nc6 11.Bxe7+ Qxe7 12.Qf4 dxe5 13.dxe5 Na6 14.Nc3 Nc5 15.Be2 h6 16.0-0±

[49] **4.e5** Personally I'm a fan of closing the position, since a Sicilian player is not experienced in these structures. Play can develop in a handful of ways...

4...Nc6

[4...Ne7 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '∓' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'or' 5.Nf3 Ng6 6.h4 h5 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '!' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'A typical shot at the advantage -' 7.d4]

5.Nf3 Qc7 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '∓' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'otherwise White may quickly find himself in a worse position, e. g.' 6.Bb2

[6.bxc5 Nxe5 7.d4 Nxf3+ 8.Qxf3 Bxc5 '!' 9.dxc5 Qe5+]

6...cxb4 7.d4

[7.axb4 Bxb4 8.c3 Be7 9.d4]

[50] **4...Qxd5** 5.Nc3 Qd8

[5...Qe5+ '?!' 6.Be2 cxb4 7.axb4 Bxb4 *(7...Bd7 8.Nf3 Qc7 9.b5* '±' *)* 8.Bb2

A) 8...Nf6 9.Nf3 *(9.Nb5 Qxb2 10.c3 Nd5)*

A1) 9...Qd6 '?' 10.Nb5 Qe7 11.Be5 Nd5 12.c4 f6 13.Bg3 0-0 14.cxd5 e5 15.Qb3 '+-';

A2) 9...Qc5 10.Nb5 '!' 0-0 '?' *(10...Qe7 11.Be5 Na6 12.c3 Bc5 13.d4 Bb6 14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.Ng5* '+-' *)* 11.c3 '+-';

A3) 9...Qc7 10.Nb5

A3a) 10...Qd8 11.Be5 Nd5 *(11...Na6 12.c3 Be7 13.Rxa6 bxa6 14.Nc7+* '+-' *)* 12.c4 '+-';

A3b) 10...Qb6 11.Be5 Nd5 *(11...Na6 12.Rxa6 bxa6 13.Nc7+* '±' *)* 12.c4 Bd7 13.Bd4 Bc5 *(13...Qd8 14.cxd5* '+-' *)* 14.cxd5 Bxb5 15.Bxb5+ Qxb5

16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.Rc1 '+-';

B) 8...Nc6 9.Nf3 Qb8 *(9...Qf6 10.Nb5* '!' *Qxb2 11.c3 Be7 12.Nc7+ Kd8 13.Nxa8 b6 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Qa4 Bxa8 16.Bb5* '!' *Na5 17.Rfb1* '+-' *)* 10.Nd5 Bf8 *(10...f6 11.Nxb4 Nxb4 12.0-0 Ne7 13.Nd4 0-0 14.Ba3 a5 15.Bc4 Rd8 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.Bxe6+ Kh8 18.c3 Nbd5 19.Qf3* '⩲' *)* 11.Bb5 f6 *(11...exd5* '?' *12.Be5 Bd6 13.Bxg7* '+-' *)* 12.Qe2 Be7 *(12...Bd7 13.0-0 Nge7 14.Nxe7 Bxe7 15.d4* '⩱' *0-0 16.d5 exd5 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Qxe7* '+-' *)* 13.Nxe7 Ngxe7 14.Nd4 e5 *(14...Kf7 15.Nb3 Rd8 16.0-0 Kg8 17.d4* '↑' *)* 15.Ba3 Qc7 16.0-0 '!' exd4 17.Bxc6+ bxc6 18.Rfe1 c5 19.Qc4 Kd8 20.Rxe7 Qxe7 *(20...Kxe7* '?!' *21.Bxc5+ Kd8 22.Qd5+ Qd7 23.Qxa8* '±' *)* 21.Qd5+ Ke8 22.Qxa8 '⩲']

[5...Qd7 6.bxc5 Bxc5 7.Qg4 Bd4 *(7...Qd4 8.Qxd4)* 8.Nf3 Bf6 9.Bd3 Nh6 10.Qh5 0-0 11.Rb1 Nc6 12.Ne4 '⩲']

6.bxc5

[6.Bb2 Nf6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.b5 Nd4 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Ne5 b6 12.Re1 Bb7= Theon-Siebrecht, Nice 2005]

6...Bxc5 7.Nf3

[7.Qg4

A) 7...Kf8 8.Nf3 *(8.Qc4 Be7 9.Nf3* '⩲' *)* 8...Nf6 9.Qc4 b6 10.Bb2 Ba6 11.Nb5 '⩲';

B) 7...Qf6 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Rb1 '↑';

C) 7...Nf6 8.Qh4 *(8.Qxg7* '?' *Rg8 9.Qh6 Bxf2+* '∓' *)* 8...0-0 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Bd3 '∞';

D) 7...Qd4 8.Qxd4 Bxd4 9.Nge2 Bf6 10.Rb1 Nc6 11.Nb5 Be5 12.Bb2 Bxb2 13.Rxb2 Ke7 14.g3 '⩲';

E) 7...Bf8 8.Bb2 *(8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qe5 Nf6 11.Nb5 Nc6 12.Qc7 Be7 13.Qxd8+ Bxd8 14.Nd6+ Ke7 15.Nxc8+ Rxc8 16.a4* '⩲' *)* 8...Nf6 9.Qh4 *(9.Qg3* '!?' *)* 9...Be7 10.Nf3 b6 11.Bb5+ '!' Bd7 12.Bd3 Bc6 *(12...0-0* '?!' *13.g4)* 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Ng4 Lutz,R-Markus,R Hereford 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '↑']

7...Nf6

[7...Nc6!? 8.Bb5 Nge7 *(8...Bd7 9.d4 Be7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Bd3 0-0 12.Rb1 b6 13.Qe2±)*

A) 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne4 Bb6 11.Bb2 a6 12.Ba4 Bc7 *(12...f5 13.Ng3 Qd6 14.Bb3 Kh8 15.d4±)* 13.Bb3 Na5 14.Ba2 b5 15.Nfg5!? h6 *(15...Bb7? 16.Qg4! Ng6 17.Qh5 h6 18.Nxe6 Qh4 19.Qxh4 Nxh4 20.Nxc7 Bxe4 21.Nxa8+-; 15...e5? 16.Qh5 h6 17.Nxf7+-)* 16.Nf6+ gxf6 *(16...Kh8 17.Qh5+-)* 17.Bxf6 hxg5 18.Qh5 Ng6 19.Bxd8 Bxd8 20.Qh6⩲;

B) 9.d4 Bb6 10.0-0 0-0= versprach gleiche Chancen.]

8.d4 Bb6 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.Ne2 h6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bb2⩲ Bc7 13.Ng3 Ne7 14.c4 Bd7 15.Re1 Rb8 16.Ne5 Be8 17.Ng4 Nxg4 18.Qxg4 f5

[Nach 18...b5 ist 19.d5 stark, Ng6 20.dxe6 Qxd3 21.e7 Bd7 22.exf8Q+ Rxf8 23.Qe4 bxc4 24.Rad1 Qxe4 25.Rxe4±]

19.Qe2 f4 20.Qxe6+ Rf7 21.Nh5 Bd7 22.Qe2?

[22.Bh7+! Kf8 23.Nxg7 mit sofortigem Aus für Schwarz, Ng8 *(23...Kxg7 24.d5+ Kf8 25.Qxh6+ Ke8 26.Bg8+-)* 24.d5 f3 25.Qg6+-]
22...Nf5 23.c5 Re7?!
[23...g6 24.Bc4 gxh5 25.Bxf7+ Kxf7 26.Qxh5+ Kf8 27.d5 Qg5 28.Qxg5 hxg5±]
24.Qg4 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Qg5 26.Qxg5 hxg5 27.d5?!
[27.Bxf5 Bxf5 28.Re7 Bd8 29.Rxg7+ Kf8 30.d5+- gewinnt.]
27...Rf8 28.Bxf5?!
[28.Bc3 Bd8 29.Rb1 Bc8 30.c6±]
28...Rxf5 29.d6
[29.Bxg7 Kf7 30.d6 Bd8 31.Be5 Bc6 32.g4 fxg3 33.Nxg3±]
29...Bd8 30.Nxg7 Rxc5 31.Ne6 Bxe6 ½-½ (31) Schuh,D (2247)-Rueberg,J (2259) Werther 2007 CBM 117 Extra [Gutman,Lev]
4...cxb4 '?' 5.Bb5+ Bd7
[5...Nd7 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Nf3 '±']
6.dxe6 fxe6
[6...Bxb5 7.exf7+ Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qxb5 '±']
7.Bxd7+ Nxd7 8.Nf3 Ngf6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Qe2 e5 11.axb4 0-0 12.Nc3 '±'
4...Nf6 5.Bb5+ Bd7
[5...Nbd7 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Qe2 Qe7 8.bxc5 '±']
6.Bxd7+ Qxd7
[6...Nbxd7 7.dxe6 fxe6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.Qe2 Qb6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 '±']
7.dxe6 Qxe6+ 8.Ne2 Nc6
[8...cxb4 9.0-0 bxa3 '?' *(9...Be7 10.axb4 '±'; 9...Nc6 10.Re1)* 10.Re1]
9.0-0 cxb4
[9...0-0-0 10.Re1 *(10.bxc5 Bxc5 11.Nbc3 '±')* 10...Bd6 11.Ng3 '±']
[9...Be7 10.bxc5 Bxc5 *(10...0-0 11.d4 Rad8 12.c3 Bxc5 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Re1 '±')* 11.d4 Bb6 12.Nf4 Qd7 13.Re1+ Ne7 14.Bb2 '±' 0-0 15.Nd2 '!' *(15.c4* '?!' *Nf5* '=' *)* 15...Bxd4 *(15...Rae8 16.Nf3 Ned5 17.Ne5* '±' *)* 16.Ne4 Rfd8 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Bxf6 Qxd1 19.Raxd1 gxf6 20.Rb1 Rd7 21.Nh5 '±' Rc7 22.Nxf6+ Kg7 23.Nh5+ Kg6 24.Rb5 Rxc2 '?' 25.h4 Rc7 26.Rg5+ Kh6 27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.Nf6 '+-']
10.Re1 Be7 11.Nd4 Qd7 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.axb4 0-0 14.c3 '±'

[51] **5.Nf3?!** cxb4∓
[5...Nf6 6.d4 cxb4 7.Bb5+ GM Ivan Cheparinov: '∓' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Inaccurate is' 7...Nc6 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '?!' 8.0-0 Be7 9.axb4 0-0 10.c3]
5.bxc5?! Bxc5∓
5.Bb5+ '!?' 5...Bd7
[5...Nd7 6.Qe2+ *(6.Nf3 a6* '=' *)* 6...Be7 *(6...Qe7 7.bxc5 Qxe2+ 8.Nxe2 Bxc5 9.Nbc3 Ngf6 10.d4 Bb6 11.Bg5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.0-0 0-0 14.c4* '±' *)* 7.Bb2 d4 8.Nf3 Ngf6 9.bxc5 0-0 10.Bxd4 Nxc5 11.0-0 a6 12.Bc4 Bg4 13.Be3 '±']

[5...Nc6 '!' 6.Nf3 *(6.Qe2+ Be6)*
A) 6...Be7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.bxc5 Bxc5 9.Re1+ Be6 10.d4;
B) 6...Bg4 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Bb2 Nf6 9.Qe2+ Be6 10.Ng5 '↑';
C) 6...Bd6 '!?' 7.0-0 Nge7 '!' *(7...Nf6 8.Re1+)* 8.bxc5 Bxc5 9.d4 Bd6 *(9...Bb6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bd3* '=' *)* 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bd3 Re8 12.h3 '=';
D) 6...Nf6 7.0-0
D1) 7...Bg4 8.Re1+ Be7 9.bxc5 0-0 10.d4 '↑' Bxf3 *(10...Ne4 11.c3 Bh4 12.Ra2 Re8 13.h3 Bh5 14.Rae2 Re6 15.g4* '!' *Bg6 16.Bd3* '⩲' *)* 11.gxf3 Nh5 12.Be3 f5 13.f4 Nf6 14.Nd2 '⩲';
D2) 7...Bd6 8.Re1+ Be6 9.bxc5 Bxc5 10.d4 Bd6 *(10...Bb6 11.c3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ba5 13.Bb2 Rc8 14.Bd3 Ne7 15.Qc2 Ng6 16.Ng5* '⩲' *)* 11.c4 0-0 12.c5 Bc7 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Bg4 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Nbd2 Ba5 17.Re3 Bxd2 *(17...Rb8 18.Qc2 Rb5 19.h3 Bh5 20.Ne5* '⩲'*; 17...Re8 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Nf1* '⩲' *)* 18.Qxd2 '⩲' Bxf3 19.gxf3 '!' g5 20.Bg3 Re8 21.h4 '⩲';
E) 6...Qb6 7.Qe2+
E1) 7...Be6 8.Nc3 Nf6 *(8...0-0-0 9.Na4 Qc7 10.Nxc5* '±' *)* 9.bxc5 Qxc5 *(9...Bxc5 10.Na4 Bxf2+ 11.Kf1 Qa5 12.Kxf2 0-0 13.Re1* '±' *)* 10.0-0 *(10.Ng5 Be7 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 d4 13.Bxc6+ Qxc6 14.Qxc6+ bxc6 15.Ne2* '⩲' *)* 10...a6 11.Bxc6+ Qxc6 12.Bb2 Bd6 13.Nd4 Qd7 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Rfe1 Kf7 16.Nd1 e5 17.d4 e4 18.c4 '⩲';
E2) 7...Be7 8.Bb2 Nf6 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nc3 Qd8 *(10...Be6* '?!' *11.Na4 Qc7 12.Nxc5* '±' *)* 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rfe1 Be6 13.Na4 cxb4 14.axb4 Bxb4 *(14...Nxb4* '?' *15.Nd4 Qc8 16.Qh5)* 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Nd4
E2a) 16...Qd7 '?' 17.Nxe6 fxe6 '?' *(17...Qxe6 18.Qh5 Qc8 19.c3 Bd6 20.Re3)* 18.Qg4+ Kh8 19.Qxb4 '+-';
E2b) 16...Bd7 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Qg4+ Kh8 19.Qxb4 d4 20.Qe7 Qxe7 21.Rxe7 Rfe8 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Nc5 '⩲' Re2 24.Nb3 '±';
F) 6...cxb4
F1) 7.0-0 bxa3 '?' *(7...Nf6 8.Re1+ Be7 9.Qe2* '⩱'*; 7...Bd6* '!' *8.axb4 Nge7* '!' *9.c3 0-0 10.d4* '⇄' *)* 8.Re1+ Be6 9.Nd4 '!' Qd7 10.Qf3 Be7 *(10...Nf6 11.Bxa3 Bxa3 12.Qxa3* '±' *)* 11.Bxa3 Bf6 12.Bb2 '±' Nge7 13.Nxc6 Bxb2 14.Nxa7 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Rxa1 16.Na7 Rxa7 17.Bxd7+ Kxd7 18.Qb3 '+-';
F2) 7.Qe2+
F2a) 7...Qe7 8.Ne5 Bd7 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.axb4 Nf6 *(10...f6 11.Nxd7 Kxd7 12.c3 Qxe2+ 13.Kxe2 Bd6 14.d4 Ne7 15.Ra6 Rhe8 16.Kd3 Ng6 17.Na3 Kc7 18.b5* '⩲' *)* 11.Bb2
F2a1) 11...Ng4 12.Nd3 Qxe2+ 13.Kxe2 f6 14.f3 Nh6 15.Bd4 a6 16.Bc5 Bf5 17.Nc3 '↑' Bxc5 *(17...Nf7 18.Bxf8 Bxd3+ 19.Kxd3 Rxf8 20.Na4 Ne5+ 21.Kd4 Kf7 22.Nc5 Rfb8 23.c3 Rb6 24.Ra2* '±' *)* 18.Nxc5 Bxc2 '?' 19.d3 '+-';
F2a2) 11...Qe6 12.Nd3 Qxe2+ 13.Kxe2 Be7 *(13...Bf5 14.Re1 Be7 15.Ne5* '⩲'*; 13...Bd6 14.Be5* '⩲' *)* 14.Re1 0-0 15.Kf1 Be6 16.Bd4 a6

17.Bc5 Bxc5 18.Nxc5 '±';

F2b) 7...Be7 8.0-0

F2b1) 8...Be6 9.Nd4 Qd7 10.axb4 Bxb4 11.Bxc6 '!?' bxc6 12.Nf5 '!' Kf8 *(12...Bf8 13.Bb2 Nf6 14.Re1 a5 15.Nc3* '±' *)* 13.Qg4 Bxf5 14.Qxb4+ '±';

F2b2) 8...a6 9.axb4 *(9.Bxc6+* '!?' *bxc6 10.Bb2 Nf6 11.Re1* '±' *)* 9...Nf6 10.Nd4 '±';

F2b3) 8...Nf6 9.Re1

F2b31) 9...Be6 10.Nd4 Qd7 *(10...Qd6 11.axb4 0-0 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Qxe6+ Qxe6 14.Rxe6 Bxb4 15.c3 Rfe8 16.Rxe8+ Rxe8 17.Kf1 Bd6 18.g3* '±' *)* 11.axb4 0-0 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Qxe6 fxe6 14.Rxe6;

F2b32) 9...Bg4 10.axb4 Bxf3 '!' 11.Qxf3 *(11.gxf3 Qd7 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Kg2 Kf8 14.Nc3 Bxb4 15.Qa6 h5* '!' *16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Qxa3+ Kg8 18.Ne2 Rh6* '∓' *)* 11...0-0 12.c3 Re8 13.Bf1 Qc7 14.Qd1 a6 15.d4 Bd6 16.Rxe8+ Rxe8 17.g3 Ne7 18.Qa4 Nf5 19.Bg5 '↑';

F2b4) 8...Bg4 9.Re1 Nf6 10.axb4 '±';

F2c) 7...Be6 8.Nd4

F2c1) 8...Qf6 9.c3 bxc3 10.Nxc6 a6 11.Ne5+ axb5 12.Qxb5+ Kd8 13.d4 '↑';

F2c2) 8...Qd6 9.0-0 Be7 *(9...a6 10.axb4 Nge7 11.Re1 0-0-0 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Bxa6)* 10.axb4 Bf6 11.Bb2 '±' Nge7 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Ra6 0-0 15.Bd3 Qxb4 16.Nc3 '±';

F2c3) 8...Qd7 9.0-0 *(9.f4 Bc5 10.Bb2 Nge7* '∓'*; 9.axb4 Bxb4 10.0-0 Nf6* '∓' *)* 9...Nf6 *(9...bxa3 10.Qe3 a6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Bxa3 Bxa3 13.Qxa3* '⩲' *Ne7 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Na4 Qc7 16.Nc5 Bc8 17.Qg3* '±' *)* 10.Bb2 *(10.axb4 Bxb4 11.Ra6 0-0* '∓'*; 10.f4 Bc5* '∓' *)*

F2c31) 10...Bd6 11.f4 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.f5 '±' Qc7 14.fxe6 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Ne4 '!' 16.exf7+ Kh8 17.Qxe4 '!' dxe4 18.Ne6 Qg3 19.Bxg7+ Qxg7 20.Nxg7 Be5 21.Ne6 Bxa1 22.axb4 Bg7 23.Na3 '±';

F2c32) 10...Be7 11.axb4

F2c321) 11...Bxb4 '?' 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.f4 g6 *(13...c5 14.Nxe6 Qxe6 15.Qb5+ Qd7 16.Qa6 c4 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qxf6* '±' *)* 14.Nxe6 '+-';

F2c322) 11...0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Ra6 Rac8 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Bd4 '↑' c5 16.Rxe6 Ne4 17.Rxe7 Qxe7 18.Bxc5 Rxc5 19.bxc5 Qxc5 20.d3 Nf6 21.Qe6+ Kh8 22.c4 Re8 23.Qa6 dxc4 24.Qxc4 '±';

F2c33) 10...bxa3

F2c331) 11.Nxa3 Bc5 12.Qf3 *(12.Nf5* '?!' *0-0 13.Nxg7 Bg4* '↑!' *)* 12...0-0 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Bd3 Qe7 16.c3 Bxa3 17.Qg3+ Kh8 18.Rxa3 Qxa3 19.Qh4 f5 20.Qf6+ Kg8

21.Qg5+ '=';
F2c332) 11.Rxa3 '!?' 11...Bxa3 *(11...Bc5 12.Rg3 0-0* '?' *13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bxf6* '+-'*; 11...Bd6 12.f4 0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.f5 Bxa3 15.Bxa3* '±' *)* 12.Bxa3
F2c3321) 12...Ng8 13.f4 Nge7 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.f5 '±';
F2c3322) 12...0-0-0 13.Nc3 Qc7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qa6+ Qb7 16.Qa4 Ne4 17.Nxc6 Nxc3 18.Nxa7+ Kc7 19.dxc3 Ra8 20.Bc5 '±';
F2c3323) 12...a6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nc3 Qc7 *(14...c5 15.Bxc5 Ne4 16.Ba3 Nxc3 17.dxc3* '±'*; 14...Ne4 15.Na4 Rd8 16.f3 Nd6 17.Nc5 Qc8 18.Qe5 0-0 19.Ncxe6 fxe6 20.Bxd6* '+-' *)* 15.Na4 Ne4 16.d3 Qa5 17.Ra1 '!' Qxa4 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Qh5+ g6 *(19...Kd8 20.Be7+* '+-' *)* 20.Qe5 0-0-0 *(20...Qxc2 21.Qxh8+* '+-' *)* 21.Rb1 Qxa3 22.Rb8+ Kd7 23.Rb7+ Ke8 24.Qxe6+ Kf8 25.Qf7#;
F2c3324) 12...Qc7 13.Nxe6 *(13.Nc3 Kd8 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Na4)* 13...fxe6 14.Qxe6+ Kd8 15.Bb2 d4 *(15...Qd7 16.Bxf6+ gxf6 17.Qxf6+ Kc7 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Qe5+ Kb7 20.Qb2+ Kc7 21.Qe5+* '=' *)* 16.Na3 Re8 17.Qb3 '⩲';
F2c3325) 12...Ne4 13.Re1 '!'
F2c33251) 13...a6 '?' 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.d3 '±';
F2c33252) 13...Kd8 14.Qd3 Re8 *(14...Nd6 15.Nc3 Nxb5 16.Ndxb5 Ne7 17.f4* '±' *)* 15.Nc3 Nd6 16.Qxh7 '!?' Nxb5 17.Ndxb5 Bf5 18.Qh4+ f6 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.h3 d4 21.Nd5 Rc8 22.f4 '↑';
F2c33253) 13...0-0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.f3 Nd6 16.Nc3 '⩲';
F2c3326) 12...Kd8 '!?' 13.Bxc6 bxc6
F2c33261) 14.Qe5
F2c332611) 14...Qc7 15.Bd6 Qd7 16.Nc3 Re8 17.f3 '⩲';
F2c332612) 14...Rc8 15.Nb3 Re8 16.Bb4 d4 17.Ba5+ Ke7 18.Bb4+ Kd8 19.Qa5+ Rc7 *(19...Qc7 20.Qa1 Nd7 21.Nxd4 f6 22.Nc3* '↑' *)* 20.Nc5 Qd5 21.c4 '!' Qxc4 *(21...Qh5 22.Nb7+ Kd7 23.Qxa7* '⩲' *)* 22.Na6 Qxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Bc4+ 24.d3 '!' Bxd3+ 25.Kg1 Bxa6 26.Qxa6 '±';
F2c332613) 14...Re8 15.Qg3 '⩲';
F2c33262) 14.Nc3 '!?'
F2c332621) 14...Re8 '?' 15.Qa6 Kc7 *(15...Rc8 16.Na4 Ne4 17.d3* '+-' *)* 16.Qa5+ Kc8 17.Rb1 '+-';
F2c332622) 14...Qc7 15.Na4 Re8 16.Qa6 Bd7 17.Bb4 Qc8 *(17...Qb8 18.Nxc6+ Bxc6 19.Qxc6 Re6 20.Qc5 Kd7 21.Qa5)* 18.Qd3 *(18.Ba5+ Ke7 19.Bb4+* '=' *)*

18...Qc7 19.f3 Kc8 20.Qc3 '⩲' a5 21.Bc5 Rb8 22.Qa3 '↑']

6.Qe2+ Qe7

[6...Be7 7.Bb2 d4 8.bxc5 Nc6 9.Nf3 Nf6 10.Bxc6 '!?' *(10.0-0 0-0 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.Nxd4 Bxc5 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Qc4* '⩱' *)* 10...Bxc6 11.Nxd4 Bxg2 *(11...Bd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nb3 a5 14.a4 Re8 15.Qd3* '⩱' *)* 12.Rg1 Be4 13.Qb5+ Qd7 14.Nc3 Bg6 15.0-0-0 Rc8 16.Rde1 a6 17.Qe2 Rxc5 18.f4 '↑']

7.Nc3 Nf6

[7...d4 '!?' 8.Bxd7+ Nxd7 9.Nb5 Kd8 10.bxc5 d3 11.cxd3 *(11.Qxe7+ Bxe7 12.Nf3 Nxc5 13.c3* '⇄' *)* 11...Nxc5 12.d4 Nd3+ 13.Kf1 Nxc1 14.Rxc1 Qxe2+ 15.Kxe2 a6 16.Nc3 Bxa3 17.Ra1 Bd6 *(17...Be7 18.Nf3* '⩱' *)* 18.Ne4 Ke7 19.Nc5 '⩱']

8.bxc5

[8.Bxd7+ Nbxd7]

8...Qxe2+ 9.Ngxe2 Bxc5 10.d4

[10.0-0 0-0 11.d4 Bb6 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bg5 Be6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rab1 '↑!']

10...Bb6 11.Rb1 0-0 12.Bg5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Be3 Rfd8 16.c4 Bg4 17.c5 Ba5 18.Rfd1

[18.h3 Bxe2 19.Bxe2 Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Rxd4 21.Rxb7 Rc8 22.Rc1 '⩱']

18...Ne7 19.h3 Be6 20.Nf4 Nd5 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Bg5 '⩱'

[52] **5...Nc6** 6.Bb5!↑

5...Nf6 6.Qe2+± RRBe7!? 7.Bxf6

[7.bxc5? 0-0 8.d4 Re8 9.Qd1 Ne4∓ →]

7...gxf6 8.bxc5 Nc6⩲ ↑

[53] **6...Nf6** 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Qe2+

[8.Bxd7+ Qxd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.bxc5 Nc6 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Qc4 Rad8 13.d3 Qd5 14.Nbd2 Qxc4=]

8...Be7

[8...Qe7 9.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 10.bxc5 ChessCalisthenics: 'Berelovich,A (2515)-Anka, E (2420)/Dieren 1998/EXT 1999/1-0 (35)' d3 11.cxd3 ChessCalisthenics: '±' Qxe2+ 12.Kxe2 Bxc5 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Rhe1⩱]

9.bxc5 0-0 10.Bxd4 Re8 11.0-0 Bxc5 12.Be3⩱

[54] **7...cxb4** 8.0-0! bxa3 9.Bxd4±

8.Be2!?

[8.Qe2 Qxe2+ 9.Kxe2 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3+ 11.Kxf3 0-0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.d3 Nf6 14.Nd2 Rd5 15.g4 h5 16.Nb3 Nd7=]

[8.Kf1!? Qf6 ChessCalisthenics: 'Bacrot,E (2717)-Kamsky,G (2686)/ Wijk aan Zee 2006/CBM 111/1-0 (46)' *(8...Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Rc8 11.d3 a6 12.Nd2 axb5 13.Re1* ChessCalisthenics: 'Kalod,R (2495)-Szieberth,A (2389)/Tanta 2001/ CBM 082 ext/1-0 (45)' *Ne5 14.Qf5 Rc6 15.Rxe5 Re6 16.Rxe6 Qxe6 17.Qxe6+*

fxe6 18.bxc5±) 9.Qe2+ *(9.c3 Bg4 10.Qe2+ Kd8∞)* 9...Nge7 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Qc4 Bg4 12.Qxc5 Bxf3 13.Bxd4 Qf5 14.gxf3 Qxf3 15.Rg1 Qd1+ 16.Kg2 Qg4+=]

8...d3?

[8...cxb4 ChessCalisthenics: '⩲!?' 9.0-0 Qc5 10.Re1 Be7 ChessCalisthenics: '=' 11.axb4 ChessCalisthenics: '!?' Qxb4 12.Ba3 ChessCalisthenics: '=' Qa5 13.Nc3 Bxa3 14.Nb5 ChessCalisthenics: '±' Nf6 15.Rxa3 Qb6 16.Bc4+ ChessCalisthenics: '=' Kf8 17.Qa1±]

[RR8...Bf5 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Bb5 0-0-0 11.d3 Nf6 12.Nbd2↑]

9.cxd3□ cxb4 10.0-0 Nf6 11.axb4

[11.Re1 Qd8 *(11...Be6 12.Qa4±* ChessCalisthenics: '+-' *)* 12.Qa4 Bd7 13.Bd1+ ChessCalisthenics: '⩱' Be7 ChessCalisthenics: '⩲' 14.axb4 0-0 ChessCalisthenics: '-+' 15.b5 Nb4 ChessCalisthenics: 'Mate attack' 16.Ne5 ChessCalisthenics: '△' a6 ChessCalisthenics: 'Mate threat' 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Qb3 ChessCalisthenics: '+-' a5⩱ ChessCalisthenics: '⩲']

11...Nxb4

[11...Qxb4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 ChessCalisthenics: '?' 13.Nc3 Rg8 14.Re1 Be6 15.Ra4 Qd6 16.d4±]

12.Ng5

[12.d4 ChessCalisthenics: '!' Qd8 13.Ne5 Be7 14.Qa4+ Kf8∞]

12...h6

[12...Nfd5 13.Ne4 Nf4 14.Re1 Be6 15.Nbc3 Nbxd3 16.Bxd3 Nxd3 17.Nd5 Nxb2 18.Qh5 Qd7 *(18...g6 19.Qe5+-)* 19.Nef6+ gxf6 20.Nxf6+ Kd8 21.Nxd7 Kxd7 22.Qb5++-]

[12...Qd8 ChessCalisthenics: '?' 13.Bh5 Nxh5 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Qxh5 g6 16.Qe2 Rg8 ChessCalisthenics: '??' 17.Qf3 f5 18.Bf6 Nc6 ChessCalisthenics: '?' 19.Ra6 Bd7 20.Qh3 h5 21.Rxc6 Bxc6 22.Rxe7++-]

13.Ne4!± Bezgodov,A (2546)-Matlakov,M (2362) Saint Petersburg 92/85 2004 CI1-130 [Bezgodov,Alexei]

[55] **4.d4** This move indicates that White is attempting to take back on b4 under more favorable circumstances. Attempting to take back on b4 under more favorable circumstances. 4...Nf6 Against this, when Black has some control over the c3-square, I'm going to advocate for maintaining control over b4, and maybe go for ...d5. When White already has a pawn on c3, we play d6 and e5. Just as in the previous lines, White has a choice between e5 and Bd3, so we will check both. 5.e5 This makes less sense when White has yet to regain control over the c3-square.

[5.Bd3 This is the more principled move. Maintaining the center and not allowing Black to goad White into creating weak squares is the typical way to play. Nc6 6.Nf3 d5 Executing our primary plan. Notice that the knights work together quite well on d5 and b4 should the center come open. 7.e5 Of course White should not allow the center to come open, so I would anticipate a move like this. White may

also be hoping for some quick activity towards our king, but we can stifle the play. Ne4 This idea works when the pawn hasn't arrived on c3, and the d4-square would come under fire after Bxe4 and dxe4. 8.0-0 Be7 We're not afraid of losing a tempo with this bishop. White doesn't particularly want to capture on b4, because we already have control over c3. 9.Re1 Nc3 This invites an intriguing change in pawn structure. Normally I don't like putting pawns behind enemy lines, but Black can keep this defended. 10.Nxc3 bxc3 Now our extra pawn is strangely secure on that square. 11.Re3 This is what happens if White wants to round up this pawn, and so long as our king doesn't commit to castling, it's difficult for White to proceed. Bd7 12.Bf1 Rc8 Covering the pawn. 13.Rxc3 Nxe5 With this nice little tactic, Black knocks out the e-pawn, and can feel safer castling. Move Variations-Delayed Wing Gambit]

5...Nd5 6.axb4 Bxb4+ Now playing c3 isn't an option for White, which cannot be an improvement from the earlier capture on b4. 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ Trade while we're a pawn up? Okay. 8.Qxd2 This is the most wise recapture. The one downside of Black trading off our dark-squared bishop is that we have lost control over d6, which may be accessed by a knight if we're not careful. 8...d6 9.c4 I'll quickly show an interesting line when White just goes for an all out blitz in the center.

9...Ne7 10.f4 dxe5 11.fxe5 Nbc6 White has established a formidable pawn center for certain and clearly has a pawn break in d5 and potentially some weak dark-squares, but no development behind those pawns yet. 12.Nf3 Nf5 A strange looking move, because it seems like White's pawn center can just crash forward.

13.d5 exd5 14.cxd5 Nxe5 This is a really fun sacrifice. 15.Nxe5 0-0 Now Black can get the material back with either Re8 or Qh4+, and White is left with a vulnerable pawn on d5, and less material. Move Variations-Delayed Wing Gambit

[56] **4...Nf6?!** 5.e5 Nd5

[5...Ne4?! 6.c3 h6 *(6...Qh4 7.Qe2 d5 8.d3 Ng5 9.g3 Qh6 10.f4 Be7 11.h4+-)* 7.h4 Qc7 8.Qe2 d5 9.Bb2 Nc6 10.Nf3±]

6.b5 Qc7

[6...Bc5?! 7.d4 *(7.c4? Bxf2+! 8.Kxf2 Qh4+ 9.g3 Qd4+ 10.Kf3 Qxa1 11.cxd5 Qxb1-+)* 7...Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Qh4?! *(8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 b6 10.c4 Ne7 11.Nf3 Bb7 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Qe2±)* 9.Nf3 Qe4+ 10.Be2 Bxd2+ *(10...Nf4? 11.Bxb4 Nxg2+ 12.Kf1 Nf4 13.Nc3+-)* 11.Nbxd2 Qg4 12.Nc4±]

[6...Qb6?! 7.Nf3 *(7.c4? Qd4)* 7...d6 8.exd6 Bxd6 9.c4 Nf6 10.d4±]

[6...Be7 7.d4 0-0 8.Bd3 f5 9.exf6 Bxf6 10.Nf3 d6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.c4 N5b6 13.Ba3±]

[6...b6 7.Nf3 d6 8.Bb2 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Be7 10.Qh5!? 0-0 11.Bd3 Nf6 12.Qh3 h6 *(12...Qc7? 13.Ng4+-)* 13.Ng4 e5 *(13...Nxg4 14.Qxg4 Bf6 15.Qe4 g6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nc3+-)* 14.Nxh6+ gxh6 15.Qxh6 Re8 16.Qg5+ Kf8 17.0-0]

[6...d6 7.Nf3 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nd7 9.Nf3 Be7 10.d4±]

7.Bb2!? d6

[7...Nb6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.c4 a6 10.Na3 0-0 11.d4 Bb4+ 12.Nd2 f6 13.Nc2 Be7 14.c5 Nd5 15.b6 Qd8 16.Ne4±]
8.exd6 Qxd6
[8...Bxd6?! 9.Bxg7±]
9.Nf3 Nd7 10.c4 Nb4 11.d4 Be7 12.c5 Qf4 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Ra4! a5
[14...Nd5 15.Bd3±]
15.bxa6 Nxa6 16.Bd3 Qb8 17.0-0 Nf6 18.Ne5 Nd7 19.Qc2 Nxe5
[19...h6 20.Nc4±]
20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.dxe5 Qxe5 22.Rd1± Chapter-Games Game 1
4...d5 5.e5 '!?' 5...Bxb4
[5...Nc6 6.d4 Nxb4 *(6...Bxb4+ 7.c3 Ba5 8.Nf3 Nge7 9.Bd3 h6 10.0-0 0-0⩱ 11.Bc2 f5 12.Qd3 Bc7 13.Na3 b6 14.Ne1 Na5 15.Qg3 Kh8 16.Nd3↑)* 7.c3 Na6 *(7...Nc6 8.Bd3)* 8.Bd3 Bd7 9.Nh3!? h6 10.Qh5
A) 10...Ne7 11.Nf4! *(11.Ng5 g6 12.Qh3 Bg7 13.Nf3⩱)* 11...g6? *(11...Qb6 12.Nd2 Rc8 13.Ne2⩱)* 12.Bxg6! Nxg6 13.Nxg6 Rg8 *(13...fxg6?? 14.Qxg6+ Ke7 15.Ba3++-)* 14.Nxf8 Rxf8 15.Qxh6±;
B) 10...Be7? 11.Nf4
B1) 11...Qb6 12.Bg6 fxg6? *(12...0-0-0! 13.Bxf7±)* 13.Qxg6+ Kf8 14.Nh5+-;
B2) 11...Bg5 12.Ng6! Bxc1 *(12...fxg6 13.Bxg6+ Kf8 14.Ba3+ Be7 15.Qf3+ Nf6 16.exf6 Bxa3 17.fxg7++-)* 13.Nxh8 Qe7 *(13...g6 14.Bxg6 Qg5 15.Qxg5 Bxg5 16.Nxf7+-)* 14.Nxf7 Bc6 15.0-0 Bb2 16.Ra2]
6.c3
4...b6
4...Qf6?! 5.d4 Bxb4+ 6.c3 Bf8 7.Bd3⩱
4...Qh4?! 5.Nc3 Bxb4 6.Nf3 Qd8 7.Nb5↑

[57] Maxim Notkin (www.chesstoday.net): 'The game Marshall - Tarrasch, San Sebastian 1912 took a "Quasi Evans" course' **5.c3?** 24 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'A similar idea to the one from the previous Chapter, but with Ng1 being developed on its most usual square.' White's point. The previous move just invited our bishop out, but now White hopes to build a large pawn center.
5...Be7∓
[5...Bf8 8:08 6.d4 2:59
A) 6...d6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.f4
A1) 8...e5 9.Nf3 exd4 *(9...Nf6 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.d5 Nb8 12.Nxe5 Bc5 13.Ba3 Qe7 14.Qa4+ Nbd7 15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.Qd4±)* 10.cxd4 Nf6 11.d5 Nb8 12.Nc3 Be7? 13.e5! dxe5 14.fxe5 Bb4 15.0-0 Bxc3 16.exf6 Bxf6 *(16...0-0?? 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.fxg7+ Bxg7 19.Ng5+-)* 17.Qe1+ Qe7 *(17...Kf8 18.Ba3+ Kg8 19.Ne5 Nd7 20.Nxf7+-; 17...Be7 18.Ba3+-)* 18.Ba3 Qxe1 19.Raxe1+ Kd8 20.Ne5 Bxe5 21.Rxe5 Nd7 22.Be7+ Kc7 23.Rc1+ Kb6 24.Re2 a5 25.Rb2+ Ka7 26.Rb5+-;
A2) 8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nbd2

A2a) 11...g6 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ne4 b6 14.Qe1;
A2b) 11...h6 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ne4 b6 14.Bb1 *(14.Qe1 Bb7 15.Qg3↑)* 14...Bb7 15.h4 Na5 16.Qc2 f5 *(16...g6 17.h5)* 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.Nxf6+ Rxf6 19.Qh7+ Kf7 20.f5;
A2c) 11...b6 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ne4 f5 *(13...Bb7 14.Nxd6 Bxd6 15.Bxh7+! Kh8 16.Ng5 g6 17.Qg4+-; 13...g6 14.Qe1 Bb7 15.Ba3 dxe5 16.fxe5↑ a5 17.Bc4 Bxa3 18.Rxa3 Kg7 19.Nd6 Bc8 20.Ra2 Ra7 21.Raf2 a4 22.h4! Kg8 23.Nb5 Re7 24.Ng5+-)* 14.exf6
A2c1) 14...Nxf6 15.Nfg5 h6 16.Nxf6+ Rxf6 17.Ne4 Rf8 18.Ng3 Qe8 19.Qg4 Kh8 *(19...e5 20.Qe2 exf4 21.Qe4 g6 22.Bxf4+-)* 20.Bg6 Qd8 21.Qh5 Bd7 22.f5 Bg5 23.f6 Bxc1 24.Raxc1 Rxf6 25.Ne4 Rxg6 *(25...Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1 e5 27.Nxd6 Be6 28.Be4 Qxd6 29.Qg6+-)* 26.Qxg6±;
A2c2) 14...Bxf6 15.Nfg5 h6 16.Qh5 Nce7 *(16...hxg5? 17.Nxg5+-; 16...Qe8 17.Qxe8 Rxe8 18.Nxd6±)* 17.Ba3 Nf5 18.g4 Nxc3 19.gxf5 Nxe4 *(19...Bxd4+ 20.Kg2 Bb7 21.Nxe6±)* 20.Bxe4 Bxd4+ 21.Kh1 Qe8 22.Qxe8 Rxe8 23.Bxa8 Bxa1 24.Rxa1 hxg5 25.fxg5+-;
A3) 8...d5 9.e5 Nh6 10.Nf3 Be7 11.0-0
A3a) 11...Bd7 12.Ng5 Rc8 13.Nd2 Na5 14.Nb3 Nc4 15.Qh5 Bxg5 *(15...Qb6 16.Rb1 Qa6 17.g4±)* 16.fxg5 Nf5 17.g4 Nxe5 18.gxf5 Nxd3 19.g6! Nxc1 20.gxf7+ Ke7 21.Nc5 Rxc5 22.Qg5+ Kd6 23.dxc5+ Kc6 24.Qxg7 Ne2+ 25.Kh1 Qh4 26.Rf3 Qe4 27.Raf1+-;
A3b) 11...Nf5 12.g4 Nh6 *(12...Nh4? 13.Nxh4 Bxh4 14.g5+-)* 13.h3± 0-0 14.Bc2 f5 15.exf6 gxf6 16.f5 Qd6 *(16...Nf7 17.fxe6 Bxe6 18.Qd3+-)* 17.Kg2 Nf7 18.Ba3 Qc7 19.fxe6 Bxe6 20.Qd3 f5 21.gxf5 Bd7 22.f6+-;
A3c) 11...0-0 12.Ng5
A3c1) 12...Bxg5? 13.fxg5 Nf5 14.g4 Nfe7 15.Ba3 Bd7 16.Qe1 Ng6 *(16...Re8 17.Qf2 Rf8 18.Qh4 g6 19.Rf3+-)* 17.h4!? *(17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qh4 Ke7 20.Ra2±)* 17...a6 18.Qe3 *(18.h5? Ngxe5 19.dxe5 Qxg5≌)*
A3c11) 18...Nxh4? 19.Ra2 Ng6 20.Bxg6 hxg6 *(20...fxg6 21.Rxf8++-)* 21.Rh2+-;
A3c12) 18...Re8 19.h5 Nh8 20.Ra2 b5 21.Rh2!? b4 22.Bxh7+ Kxh7 23.g6+ Kg8 24.h6+-;
A3c2) 12...g6 13.Qe1
A3c21) 13...Bd7 14.Qh4 Bxg5 15.fxg5 Nf5 16.Qh3 Na5 17.g4 Nb3 *(17...Ng7 18.Qh6 Nb3 19.Rf3 Nxc1 20.Rh3 Re8 21.Qxh7+ Kf8 22.Qh8+ Ke7 23.Qxg7 Rg8 24.Qf6+ Ke8 25.Qxd8+ Kxd8 26.Bf1 Nb3 27.Ra3+-)* 18.gxf5 exf5 *(18...Nxa1 19.f6 h5 20.gxh6 Kh7 21.Nd2+-)* 19.Qh6 Nxa1 20.Rf3 f6 *(20...Qe7 21.Ba3+-)* 21.gxf6 Rf7 22.Rg3 Qf8 23.Qf4 Nb3 24.Ba3 Qe8 25.h4 Kh8 26.h5 Qg8 *(26...gxh5 27.Qh6+-)* 27.Kh2 Rc8 28.Qh6+-;

A3c22) 13...Nf5 14.g4 Ng7 15.Qh4
A3c221) 15...Bxg5? 16.fxg5 h5 17.Ba3 Ne7 *(17...Re8? 18.Ra2 a6 19.Raf2+-)* 18.h3 a6 19.Nd2 b5 20.Nb3 Ra7 21.Bc5 Rd7 22.Rf6 Bb7 23.Raf1 Qc8 24.Qf2+-;
A3c222) 15...h5 16.Ba3 Bd7 17.Ra2 Bxa3 18.Nxa3 Ne7 19.Rg2 Qa5 20.Nc2! Rae8 *(20...Qxc3 21.Rf3 Qb2 22.Nh7! Kxh7 23.gxh5 Kg8 24.Qxe7 Bb5 25.Bxb5 Qxb5 26.hxg6+-)* 21.f5! exf5 22.gxh5! gxh5 *(22...Nxh5 23.Be2+-)* 23.Nh3 Ng6 24.Qg5 Qxc3 25.Nf4 Be6 26.Bxf5 Qc7 *(26...Bxf5 27.Nxd5+-; 26...Nxf5 27.Nxg6 fxg6 28.Qxg6++-)* 27.Bd3+-;

B) 6...d5 2:25 7.e5 4:57
B1) 7...Nc6 8.Bd3
B1a) 8...Nge7 9.Nf3
B1a1) 9...g6 10.h4 h5 11.Ng5 Nf5 12.Na3 a6 13.Nc2 Bh6 14.Qf3 Qc7 15.Ba3!? *(15.Bxf5 gxf5 16.Qxh5∞)* 15...Bf8 *(15...Nxh4?! 16.Qf6 Rg8? 17.Rxh4)* 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.0-0 Kg7 19.Ne3±;
B1a2) 9...Nf5 10.0-0
B1a21) 10...Bd7 11.Na3 Be7 12.Nc2 0-0 13.g4 Nh6 *(13...Nh4 14.Nxh4 Bxh4 15.f4 Be7 16.Qf3 f6 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Ne3↑)* 14.h3 Kh8 15.Kh1 f5 16.exf6! Rxf6 17.g5 Rxf3! 18.Qxf3 Bxg5 19.Bxg5 Qxg5 20.Rfb1 Rb8 *(20...e5?! 21.Qg3!±)* 21.Qg3 Qd8 22.Ne1±;
B1a22) 10...Be7 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nc2 *(12.Qc2!? g6 13.g4 Nh4 14.Nxh4 Bxh4 15.Bh6 Re8 16.f4↑)* 12...f6 *(12...Nh4 13.Nxh4 Bxh4 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qg4≅)* 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Ne3 Nxe3 *(14...Bd6? 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.Bg5±)* 15.fxe3 a5 16.e4 dxe4 17.Bxe4≅;
B1a23) 10...h5 11.Na3 g6 *(11...Be7 12.Nb5 a6 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Bg5!± Bxg5 15.Nxg5 Qxg5 16.Nc7+ Kf8 17.Nxa8± Qd8 18.Qb3 b5 19.Qa3+ Kg8 20.Qd6+-)* 12.Nb5
B1a231) 12...a6 13.Bg5 Qd7 14.Bf6 Rg8 15.Bxf5 exf5? *(15...gxf5 16.Ng5±)* 16.Re1+-;
B1a232) 12...Be7 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Ba3 0-0 15.Qd2 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Kg7 17.Rfa1 a5 18.Nd6 f6 19.Qf4±;
B1a3) 9...Ng6 10.h4! *(10.Ng5!? Be7 11.Qh5 Bxg5 12.Bxg5 Qc7 13.Na3 Qa5 14.Bd2 0-0 15.0-0 Qd8 16.Bg5≅)*
B1a31) 10...Nge7?! 11.Na3 Bd7 12.Nb5 Nc8?! *(12...Nf5 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.0-0↑)* 13.Ng5! Be7 *(13...f5? 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nc7++-)* 14.Qf3 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 Qb6 16.Rb1±;
B1a32) 10...f5 11.h5 Nge7 12.h6! gxh6 *(12...g6 13.Bg5 a6? 14.Bf6 Rg8 15.Ng5+-)* 13.Na3 a6 14.Nb5 Ng6 15.Bxh6±;
B1a33) 10...h6!? 11.h5!? *(11.Bxg6 fxg6 12.Qd3 Kf7∞)* 11...Nge7 12.Ba3 Nf5 13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.Na3≅;
B1a34) 10...Bd7 11.h5 Nge7 12.Ng5! Nf5 13.g4 Be7 14.Nxf7!

Kxf7 15.gxf5 exf5 16.Qf3 g6 17.Ba3±;

B1a35) 10...Be7

B1a351) 11.h5!? Nh4? *(11...Nf8 12.0-0 g6 13.Na3⩱)* 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.Qg4 Be7 *(13...g5? 14.g3+-)* 14.Qxg7 Kd7 15.Bxh7±;

B1a352) 11.Ng5 Bd7 12.Qf3 Bxg5 13.hxg5 Na5 14.Nd2 b5 15.Ba3! Ne7 *(15...Qxg5 16.Rh5 Qd8 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Rxh7 Rg8 19.Rxg7+-)* 16.Bxh7 Qb6 17.Rh3±;

B1b) 8...a6 9.Nf3 Bd7 10.Ng5!?

B1b1) 10...Na5?! 11.Nxh7 *(11.Nxf7!? Kxf7 12.Qf3+↑)* 11...Bb5 *(11...Be7 12.Qg4 g6 13.Qxg6!±)* 12.Bxb5+ axb5 13.Nxf8 Kxf8 14.Ba3+!? Ne7 15.Nd2 Nc4 16.Nxc4 bxc4 17.0-0±;

B1b2) 10...g6 11.Qf3!? Nh6 12.h4↑;

B1b3) 10...f5

B1b31) 11.exf6!? Nxf6 12.Nxh7± *(12.Bxh7!? Ne7 13.Bc2±)*;

B1b32) 11.g4 h6 *(11...fxg4? 12.Qxg4 Nge7 13.Bxh7 g6 14.Qf3±)* 12.Nh3 Nge7 *(12...Qh4?! 13.Nf4 Nce7 14.gxf5 exf5 15.h3!+-)* 13.gxf5 exf5 14.Nf4↑;

B1c) 8...f5

B1c1) 9.Nh3!? g6 *(9...Be7 10.g4 fxg4 11.Qxg4 g6 12.0-0⩱)* 10.Nf4 Nh6 11.Nd2 Nf7 12.h4 Be7 13.Nf3 0-0 14.h5 g5 15.Ng6!?

B1c11) 15...Re8 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.h6 Kh8 18.g4 Rg8 *(18...fxg4?! 19.Nh2±)* 19.Ba3 Qd7 20.Qc2 Ne7 21.Rh5 Rg6 22.Bc1!±;

B1c12) 15...hxg6 16.hxg6 g4 *(16...Nh8?? 17.Nxg5+-)* 17.gxf7+ Rxf7 18.Ng1 Bd7 19.Qd2! Qf8 20.Qf4 Qg7 21.Ne2 a5 22.f3 gxf3 *(22...Rc8 23.Qh2 Qh7 24.Qxh7+ Rxh7 25.Rxh7 Kxh7 26.fxg4±)* 23.Qxf3 Rc8 24.Bh6 Qg4 25.Qxg4+ fxg4 26.Bg6±;

B1c2) 9.Nf3

B1c21) 9...Nge7 10.Na3 Ng6 11.h4!? Be7 12.Nb5 a6 *(12...Nxh4? 13.Nxh4 Bxh4 14.Qh5++-)* 13.h5! Nf8 *(13...Nh4 14.Nxh4 Bxh4 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.g4±)* 14.h6! g6 *(14...g5?! 15.Bxg5 Bxg5 16.Nd6+ Kd7 17.Nf7+-)* 15.Bg5 Bxg5 16.Nd6+ Kd7 17.Nf7 Qe7 18.N3xg5 Rg8 19.f4±;

B1c22) 9...Be7 10.h4 Bd7 11.g4 Gary Lane: '!' fxg4 12.Ng5 Nh6 13.Nxh7 Gary Lane: 'threatening Bg6+' Rxh7 Gary Lane: '?' Gary Lane: 'a blunder because it does not relieve the pressure' *(13...Qb6* Gary Lane: 'is a better idea to give the king some room' *)* 14.Bxh7 Bxh4 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxg4 Gary Lane: 'with a winning advantage, Golovchenko,G-Kulago,A/Serpukhov 2004. Lane,Gary: 'with a winning advantage, Golovchenko,G-Kulago,A/Serpukhov 2004.";

B2) 7...Bd7?! 6:02 8.Bd3 3:07 Nc6?!N 59 Trés passif

B2a) 9.Nf3

B2a1) 9...Qc7 10.Ng5!? Be7 *(10...h6? 11.Nxf7 Kxf7 12.Qh5+ Ke7*

13.Ba3+ Kd8 14.Bxf8±) 11.0-0 h6 *(11...Nh6 12.Na3 a6 13.Nb5! Qb8 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 Qxd6 16.Re1⩱)* 12.Nxf7 Kxf7 13.Qh5+ Kf8 14.Qf3+ Ke8 15.Be3 *(15.Bg6+ Kd8 16.Qf7?! Nxe5 17.dxe5 Qxe5∓)* 15...a6 16.Bg6+ Kd8 17.Qf7 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Bd4+-;

B2a2) 9...h6 10.h4! a6 11.h5 Na7 12.Na3 Ne7 13.Nh4 Bc6 14.Qe2 b5 15.f4 Bd7 16.Nc2 Qc8 17.Bd2 Nf5?! *(17...Nac6 18.0-0±)* 18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Ne3 Be6 20.g4**±**;

B2a3) 9...Nge7 10.0-0 Nc8 11.Ng5

B2a31) 11...h6? 12.Qh5 hxg5 *(12...g6? 13.Bxg6+-; 12...Qe7? 13.Nxf7+-)* 13.Qxh8+-;

B2a32) 11...g6 12.Qf3 Qe7 13.h4↑ h6 14.Ba3 hxg5 15.Bxe7 Bxe7 16.hxg5 Bxg5 17.Na3**±**;

B2a33) 11...Be7

B2a331) 12.Qh5 g6;

B2a332) 12.Nxh7

B2a3321) 12...a6? 13.Qh5 Rg8 *(13...Bf8 14.Nf6+ gxf6 15.Qxh8 fxe5 16.dxe5+-)* 14.Bg6+-;

B2a3322) 12...g6 13.Nf6+ Bxf6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Re1!⩱;

B2a333) 12.Qg4!? h5 13.Qg3 h4 14.Qg4 Na5 15.f4↑ Nc4 *(15...Nb3 16.Nxf7! Kxf7 17.f5 exf5 18.Bxf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5+ Bf6 20.Bg5)* 16.Nxf7 Kxf7 17.f5 N8b6 18.Qg6+ Kg8 19.f6+- Chapter-Games Game 1;

B2b) 9.Ne2 3:12 9...h5 1:30 ChessBase II: 'N!?' *(9...Nge7 10.Ba3 Rc8 11.h4 a6 12.Rh3 Na7 13.Nf4 Ng6 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.Qg4 Be8 17.Ra2 Nb5 18.Bc2 Rh6 19.Rf3* Keres,P-Minev,N/Varna 1962/MCD/1-0 (73) RR *19...Rxh4 20.Qxg6 Nxc3 21.Nxc3 Rxc3 22.Qg3 Rxf3 23.Qxf3 Rxd4 24.Qc3 Rc4 25.Qa3+ Qe7 26.Qh3 Qb4+ 27.Ke2 Rh4 28.Qa3 Bb5+ 29.Bd3 Re4+ 30.Kf3 Bxd3 31.Qxd3 Rxe5 32.Rc2 Qe4+ 33.Qxe4 Rxe4 34.Rc8+* Minic,D-Kramer,H/Varna 1962/MCD/½-½ (34) *⌓Ke7 35.Rc7+ Kf6 36.Rxb7 Ra4 37.g4 g5 38.Kg3 a5 39.Ra7* ChessBase II: 'Rodriguez Sorribes,J (2139)-Bruzon Batista,L (2592) Manresa 2008 0-1' *)* 10.Nf4 2:12 Qb6 23:33 *(10...h4)* 11.Na3**±** 19:27 *(11.Nxh5* ChessBase II: '?' *Nxd4* ChessBase II: '!' *12.cxd4 Qxd4 13.Ra2 Bb4+ 14.Kf1 Rxh5)* 11...a6 5:53 12.Nxh5 26:37

B2b1) 12...Nxd4 13.Be3 ChessBase II: '!' *(13.cxd4 Qxd4 14.Rb1* Arbakov,V (2570)-Nikolenko,O (2475)/Berlin 1994/EXT 1997/0-1 (39) RR *14...Qxe5+)*;

B2b2) 12...Rc8 11:49 13.Qg4 7:55 g6 3:15 14.Bxg6 7:16 *(14.Nf4)* 14...fxg6 39 15.Qxg6+ 9 Kd8 6 ChessBase II: '∓' 16.Ng7↑ 7:05 Nce7 8:59 17.Qf7 2:18 Kc7 2:36 18.Rb1 1:05 Qc6 1:22 19.Rb3! 2:01 Kb8?? 2:04 20.0-0 28 Rh7 26 RR 21.Bg5 2:57 Rxg7 31 22.Qh5 11 Be8 1:19 23.Qh4 23 Nf5 21 24.Qf4 4 Qa4 48 25.Rfb1 47 Bxa3 27 26.g4 9 Bg6 2:22 27.Rb6 52 Qc2 2:18 28.Bf6 29 Rgc7 45 29.gxf5

1:42 Bxf5 15 30.R6b3 24 Nxf6 47 31.exf6 14 Rg8+ 3 32.Kf1 1:09 Bd3+ 7 1-0 (32) Bolzoni,V (2255)-Vaillant,S (1996) Metz 2010 CBM 136 Extra [ChessBase II]]

[5...Ba5 '?!' 6.Qg4 g6 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Nc6 9.Nf3 Nge7 10.Qf4

A) 10...0-0 '?!' 11.g4 '!?' Qc7 *(11...Bc7 12.Qh6 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Ng5* '±' *)* 12.Rxa5 Nxa5 13.Qf6 '±';

B) 10...Nf5 11.Bd3 h5 12.Ba3 '⩲']

6.d4 Gotham: 'The same Advance French structure we have seen in the Nc6 chapter. ' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'At some point this line was the favourite of Mamedyarov's.' This was White's idea, and now the idea of Nf6 and d5 isn't quite as effective, because the d4-square is secure. 6...d6 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '!' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Once again this typical push is coming into the limelight.'

[6...d5 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '∞' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'is far from clear.' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Just bad is' 7.e5 We've seen this before. Gotham: 'A familiar structure.' GM Ivan Cheparinov: '?' Nc6 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '∓'

A) 8.Nf3 f5 *(8...f6 9.Bd3; 8...Bd7 9.Bd3; 8...g6 9.Bd3; 8...Nh6 9.Bxh6 gxh6 10.Bd3; 8...Qc7 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.0-0)* 9.Bd3 a6 *(9...Nh6 10.Bxh6 gxh6; 9...Bd7 10.0-0)* 10.0-0 h6 11.Ne1 g6 12.Nd2 h5 13.Be2 Nh6 14.Nd3 Kf7 15.Nb3 h4 16.Nf4 a5 17.c4 '↑';

B) 8.Qg4 '!?'

B1) 8...g6 9.Bd3 f5 *(9...h5 10.Qe2 Nh6 11.Nh3 Nf5 12.0-0 Kf8 13.Nd2 a5 14.Ba3* '⩲'*; 9...Bd7 10.Ne2 Rc8 11.0-0 a6 12.Qf3* '!?' *Na5 13.Nd2* '⩲'*; 9...f6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.Bf4* '⩲!?' *)* 10.Qg3 g5 *(10...Na5 11.Ra2 Bd7 12.h4 Nc4 13.Nf3 Qb6 14.h5 g5 15.Nxg5 Qb3 16.Re2* '±' *)* 11.Nh3 '!?' *(11.h4 g4 12.Ne2 h5 13.Nf4* '⩲' *)* 11...g4 12.Nf4 Bh4 13.Qe3 Bg5 *(13...Bd7 14.h3* '±' *)* 14.h3 Nh6 15.hxg4 Nxg4 16.Qg3 '±!';

B2) 8...Kf8 9.Bd3 Qc7 *(9...f5 10.Qf3 h5 11.Ne2 g5 12.h4 g4 13.Qg3 Bd7 14.Nf4* '⩲' *)* 10.Ne2 f5 *(10...f6 11.Qf3 Ke8 12.Qg3 g6 13.f4* '⩲' *)* 11.Qg3 Bd7 12.h4 Be8 13.Nd2 Nh6 14.Nf4 Bf7 15.0-0 '⩲' Na5 16.Nf3 b6 17.Ng5 '±';

C) GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Black has an easy equality after' 8.Bd3

C1) 8...a5 '?!' 9.Nh3 b6 10.Na3 '!' Ba6 11.Nb5 Bxb5 12.Bxb5 Qc7 13.0-0 Bf8 14.c4 '!' Nge7 *(14...dxc4 15.Ng5 Nge7 16.Ra4 h6 17.Ne4 0-0-0 18.Rxc4* '+-' *)* 15.Ba3 Nc8 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Qa4 N8a7 18.Rfc1 Nxb5 19.Qxb5 Rc8 20.Nf4 '+-';

C2) 8...f5 9.Nh3 '!?' '!?' Bd7 10.g4 g6 11.gxf5 exf5 12.0-0 '±';

C3) 8...g6 9.Nf3 Bd7 10.0-0 '⩲';

C4) 8...Bg5 9.Bxg5 '!?' *(9.f4 Bh6 10.Nf3 f5 11.0-0 Nge7 12.Na3 a6 13.Nb5 0-0 14.Nd6* '⩲' *)* 9...Qxg5 10.Nf3 Qe7 *(10...Qxg2 11.Rg1 Qh3 12.Na3 g6 13.Nb5 Kf8 14.Nd6* '⩲' *Nge7* '?' *15.Nxf7* '+-' *)* 11.0-0 Nh6 12.Na3 0-0 13.Re1 Bd7 14.Qc2 Nf5 15.Reb1 Rfb8 16.Nb5 Qd8 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Nd6 '⩲';

C5) 8...Qc7 9.Ne2 *(9.Na3* '?!' *Nxe5 10.dxe5* '?' *Qxc3+* '-+' *)* 9...Bd7 *(9...f6 10.f4 Nh6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nd2 fxe5 13.fxe5 Bd7 14.Nf3* '⩲' *)* 10.0-0 h5 *(10...Na5 11.Nd2 h5 12.Ba3* '!' *Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Ne7 14.Ng3 h4 15.Nh5* '⩲' *)* 11.Nf4 h4 12.Qg4 g5 13.Nh5 Nxe5 '?' *(13...Nh6 14.Qf3 0-0-0 15.Nf6* '⩲' *)* 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.Be3 '!' *(15.f4 gxf4 16.Nxf4* '±' *)* 15...f5 16.Bd4 fxg4 17.Bxe5 '±';

C6) 8...f6 9.Nf3 *(9.Qh5+* '!?' *Kf8 10.Nf3 f5 11.0-0 Qe8 12.Qh3* '↑' *)* 9...fxe5 *(9...Qc7 10.Qe2 fxe5 11.dxe5)* 10.dxe5

C6a) 10...Nh6 11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Na3 '!?' Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Qe7 14.Ra4 Bd7 15.0-0 Qg7 16.Re1 Rg8 17.g3 '⩲' 0-0-0 '?!' 18.Ra2 '!' h5 19.Qb3 h4 20.Rb1 b6 21.Rxa7 '!' Nxa7 22.Ba6+ '+-';

C6b) 10...Bc5 11.Qc2 '!?'

C6b1) 11...Qc7 12.Bf4 *(12.Bxh7* '?!' *Nxe5* '∓' *)* 12...g6 *(12...Bd7 13.Na3* '!' *Bxa3 14.Rxa3 0-0-0 15.0-0 Nge7 16.Rb1 Kb8 17.Be3 Nc8 18.Qa2 b6 19.c4)* 13.Na3 '!?'

C6b11) 13...Nge7 14.Nb5 Qd8 15.Nd6+ '!' Bxd6 16.exd6 Nf5 17.Bxf5 exf5 *(17...Qf6 18.Bxg6+ hxg6 19.Bg3* '±' *)* 18.Qb3 '±';

C6b12) 13...Bxa3 14.Rxa3 Nge7 15.Qe2 0-0 16.Bh6 Re8 17.0-0 Nf5 18.Bg5 Bd7 19.Bf6;

C6b2) 11...g6 12.0-0 Nge7 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Bf6 Rg8 *(14...0-0 15.Na3 a6 16.Nb5 Qd7 17.Qd2 Nf5 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.Rfe1 Nd8 20.Nbd4 Be7 21.Nxf5 Bxf6 22.Nh6+ Kg7 23.exf6+ Rxf6 24.h3* '±' *)* 15.Na3 a6 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.Nbd4 '±';

C6c) 10...Qc7 11.Qe2 Nh6 *(11...Bc5 12.Na3 Nge7 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.Be3* '!' *b6 15.Bxc5 bxc5 16.Nd6+ Kd7 17.0-0* '±' *)* 12.Bxh6 gxh6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Re1 '!' Bc5 15.Ra4 Rf7 16.Nbd2 Bd7 17.Rh4 Bf8 18.c4 '!' Ne7 19.Nd4 Re8 20.Qh5 dxc4 21.Nxc4 Ng6 22.Rg4 Rg7 23.Qxh6;

C7) 8...Bd7 9.Nf3

C7a) 9...Nh6 10.Bxh6 gxh6 11.Qd2 '!?' *(11.0-0; 11.h4* '↑!?' *)* 11...Bg5 12.Nxg5 Qxg5 13.f4 Qe7 14.Na3 a6 15.Nb5 '±';

C7b) 9...Qb6 10.0-0 f6 11.Na3 *(11.c4* '!?' *dxc4 12.Bxc4 fxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxd4 14.Qxd4 Nxd4 15.Rd1 Bf6 16.Nxd7 Kxd7 17.Be3 e5 18.f4* '±' *)* 11...0-0-0 '?' *(11...a6 12.c4* '↑' *)* 12.Qe2 Rf8 13.Nb5 Nh6 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Rfb1 Kd8 16.Nd6 Qc7 17.Rxb7 '+-';

C7c) 9...a6 10.0-0

C7c1) 10...b5 11.Nbd2 Na5 *(11...b4 12.c4* '↑' *)* 12.Re1 Rc8 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.Qxb3 Qb6 15.Re2 h5 16.Rea2 '↑' Ra8 17.Ra5 Bd8 18.Bxb5 Bxb5 19.Rxb5 axb5 20.Rxa8 Ne7 21.Ra1 0-0 22.Ba3 '⩱';

C7c2) 10...Na7 11.Na3 b5 12.Nc2 Qb6 13.Ng5 Nc6 *(13...h6* '?!' *14.Nxf7 Kxf7 15.Qh5+ Kf8 16.Bg6* '±' *Be8 17.Bxe8 Rxe8 18.f4 Nc6 19.Ne3)* 14.Qh5 g6 *(14...Bxg5 15.Qxg5 g6 16.Ba3* '±' *; 14...Nh6 15.Nxh7 0-0-0 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Qxf7* '±' *)* 15.Qf3 Nd8 *(15...Nh6 16.Nxe6* '±' *)* 16.Bd2 Ra7 *(16...h6* '?' *17.Nxf7 Nxf7 18.Bxg6* '+-' *)*

17.Rfb1 h6 '?' *(17...Rc7 18.Nb4* '±' *)* 18.Nxf7 Rh7 *(18...Nxf7 19.Bxg6* '+-' *)* 19.Nxd8 Kxd8 20.c4 '!' dxc4 *(20...Kc8 21.Ba5 Qb7 22.cxd5 exd5 23.Nb4* '+-' *)* 21.Ba5 Qxa5 22.Rxa5 cxd3 23.Qxd3 Bc6 24.Qxg6;

C7c3) 10...Rc8 11.Nbd2;

C7d) 9...f5 10.0-0

C7d1) 10...Bf8 11.Ng5 '!' Nge7 12.Nd2 h6 13.Nh3 Kf7 14.g4 '↑!';

C7d2) 10...h5 11.Ba3 Nh6 12.c4 '!' dxc4 *(12...0-0 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Qb3 Bxa3 15.Rxa3 Be6 16.Qxb7* '±' *)* 13.Bxc4 0-0 14.d5 exd5 15.Bxd5+ Kh8 16.e6 Bc8 17.Bxc6 '!' Bxa3 '!' *(17...bxc6* '?' *18.Qxd8* '+-' *)* 18.Nxa3 bxc6 19.Re1 Qxd1 20.Raxd1 Re8 21.Ng5 '⩲';

C7d3) 10...g6 11.Na3 a6 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 b5 14.Bb3 '↑';

C7e) 9...Rc8 10.0-0

C7e1) 10...f5 11.c4 '!' Nb4 *(11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 Na5 13.Ba2 Nc4 14.d5* '±' *)* 12.cxd5 Rxc1 '?!' *(12...Nxd5 13.Rxa7* '⩲' *)* 13.Qxc1 Nxd3 14.Qd2 Qb6 *(14...Nb4 15.d6* '±' *)* 15.Nc3 Nb4 16.dxe6 Qxe6 17.d5 Qb6 18.d6;

C7e2) 10...a6 11.Nbd2 Qc7 *(11...Nh6 12.Nb3 Nf5 13.g4 Nh4 14.Nxh4 Bxh4 15.Nc5 Rc7 16.f4 Be7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.f5* '⩱' *)* 12.c4 '!?' Nb4 13.Be2 dxc4 14.Nxc4 b5 15.Ne3 Bc6 16.Bd2 Qb7 17.Bxb4 Bxb4 18.d5 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Qb3 a5 21.Nd4 '⩱';

C7e3) 10...Na5 11.Nfd2;

C7f) 9...Qc7 10.0-0

C7f1) 10...Na5 11.Ng5 '!'

C7f11) 11...h6 '?!' 12.Nxf7 '!' Kxf7 13.Qf3+ Ke8 *(13...Nf6 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Bf4 Qd8 16.Na3* '↑' *)* 14.Bg6+ Kd8 15.Qf7 '±';

C7f12) 11...Bxg5 12.Bxg5 h6 13.Bh4 '!?' g5 14.Bg3 h5 15.f4 '↑';

C7f2) 10...Nh6 11.Bxh6 '!' gxh6 12.Qd2 Bf8 13.Na3 a6 14.Nb5 Qb8 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qxd6 17.Rfb1 Rb8 18.Qxh6 '⩱';

C7f3) 10...h5 11.Na3 Na5 12.Nb5 Bxb5 13.Bxb5+ Nc6 14.c4 '!' dxc4 15.d5 exd5 16.Qxd5 Nh6 17.e6 '!?' 0-0 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.exf7+ Kg7 20.Bxc4 '±';

C7f4) 10...f6 11.Qe2 fxe5 12.dxe5

C7f41) 12...0-0-0 '?' 13.Na3 Nh6 14.Nb5 Qb8 15.Ba3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nf7 17.Nxa7+ '!' Nxa7 18.Rfa1 Nc6 19.Ra8 '±';

C7f42) 12...Bd8 '?' 13.Na3 '!' Na5 14.Nb5 Bxb5 15.Bxb5+ Nc6 16.Nd4 Qd7 17.Qg4 Kf7 18.Qf3+ Ke8 19.Qh3 Kf7 20.f4 Nge7 21.f5;

C7f43) 12...Na5 13.Na3 '!?' a6 14.c4 '↑';

C7f44) 12...Nh6 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.Na3 0-0 *(14...0-0-0 15.Nb5 Qb8 16.c4 a6 17.cxd5 exd5 18.e6 Be8 19.Nbd4)* 15.Nb5 Qb6 16.Nbd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Rfc8 18.Rab1 Qc7 19.c4 dxc4 20.Bc2 Bc5 21.Qe4 Bc6 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Qxc4;

C7f45) 12...Bc5 13.Ba3 '!?' Qb6 14.Ra2 '↑';
C7f46) 12...Rc8 13.Re1 Nh6 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Qe3 Bf8 16.Nbd2 '!?' *(16.Na3 a6 17.Qf4 Bg7 18.Nc2 Ne7 19.Ra3 Qc5 20.Rb1 Rc7 21.Rab3* '±' *)* 16...Bg7 17.Qf4 '⩲' Na5 18.c4 '!' dxc4 *(18...Rf8* '?' *19.Qg4)* 19.Ne4 '!' Rf8 *(19...cxd3 20.Nd6+ Kd8* '??' *21.Qh4+)* 20.Qg4 Kf7 21.Bb1 c3 22.Nd6+ Kg8 23.Nd4;

C7g) 9...Na5 10.0-0
C7g1) 10...Qb6 '?!' 11.Na3 Rc8 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb5 Bxb5 14.Bxb5+
C7g11) 14...Kf8 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 h6 17.Bc1 '⩲' Qxc3 '?' *(17...Ne7 18.Ba3 Kg8 19.Bd6 Qd8 20.Qa4* '↑' *)* 18.Bd2 '+-';
C7g12) 14...Nc6 15.c4 '!?' dxc4 16.d5 '!' exd5 17.Qxd5 c3 18.Rb3 a6 19.Bc4 Nd8 20.Rxc3 Bb4 21.Rc2 Ne7 22.Qe4 '±';
C7g2) 10...b5 11.Na3 b4 12.cxb4 Bxb4 13.Ng5 '!' Be7 *(13...g6* '?' *14.Qf3* '+-'*; 13...h6* '?' *14.Qh5 Qe7 15.Nxf7* '+-' *)* 14.Nb5 '↑' a6 *(14...Bxg5 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Bxg5 Qxg5 17.Rxa5)* 15.Qh5 '!' g6 16.Qf3 f6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.Nxh7 Kf7 *(18...Rxh7* '?' *19.Bxg6+ Rf7 20.exd6 Nc4 21.Qh5 Nxd6 22.Ba3* '+-' *)* 19.Nxf6 Nxf6 20.Rxa5 '±!';
C7g3) 10...Nc4 11.Bxc4 '!?' dxc4 12.d5 exd5 13.Qxd5 Bc6 14.Qxc4 '±' Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nh6 16.Na3 0-0 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Nc2 Qc8 19.Qe4 Qxc3 20.Ne3 Qc6 21.Nd5;
C7g4) 10...Rc8 11.Nfd2 '!?' h5 12.Nb3 Nxb3 13.Qxb3 a5 *(13...Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.Ra7 Bc6 16.Nd2 Nh6 17.Ba3 Bxa3 18.Rxa3 Ke7 19.Rfa1* '±' *)* 14.Na3 *(14.Qxb7* '?!' *Rb8 15.Qa6 Ra8* '=' *)* 14...Nh6 15.Nb5 0-0 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.f4;
C7g5) 10...Bc6 11.h4 '!?' Nc4 *(11...Bxh4* '?' *12.Nxh4 Qxh4 13.Rxa5* '+-' *)* 12.Ng5 a5 13.Nxh7 '!?' g6 14.h5 '!' Rxh7 15.hxg6 Rg7 16.gxf7+ Kxf7 *(16...Rxf7 17.Bg6 Kf8 18.Bxf7 Kxf7 19.Qh5+ Kf8 20.Qh8* '±' *)* 17.Qh5+ Kf8 18.f4 Be8 19.Qh3 Qb6 20.Nd2;
C7g6) 10...a6 11.Re1 Bb5 12.Bc2 Nc4 13.Nfd2 Qc7 *(13...Nxd2* '!?' *14.Bxd2 h5 15.Na3 Bc6 16.Bd3* '↑' *)* 14.Nxc4 Bxc4 15.Na3 Rc8 16.Qf3 h5 17.Nxc4 Qxc4 *(17...dxc4* '?' *18.Be4 Rb8 19.d5* '+-' *)* 18.Bd2 g6 *(18...Nh6 19.Reb1 Qc6 20.Qxh5* '±' *)* 19.Reb1 Qc6 20.c4 '!' Qxc4 21.Rc1 '!?' Qxd4 22.Ba4+ Rc6 23.Qe3 '!' Qxe3 24.Bxe3 Nh6 25.Rab1 Kf8 26.Bxc6 bxc6 27.Rb8+ Kg7 28.Rxh8 Kxh8 29.Bxh6 '+-';

C8) 8...Nh6 9.Bxh6 '!?' gxh6 10.Nf3 '⩲' f5 *(10...f6 11.Qd2* '!?' *fxe5 12.dxe5; 10...Bd7 11.0-0* '↑'*; 10...Rg8 11.0-0 Rg7 12.Na3 Bd7 13.Qd2 Bf8 14.Rfb1 Rb8 15.Nb5* '!?' *a6 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Qf6 18.Qe3 Kf8 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qg5 21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.Rxa6* '±' *)* 11.Qd2 Bg5 *(11...Bf8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Na3 a6 14.c4* '↑!?' *)* 12.Nxg5 Qxg5 *(12...hxg5 13.h4* '!?' *g4 14.Na3 a6 15.Nb5 0-0 16.Nd6 Rb8 17.f3)* 13.f4 Qh4+ 14.g3 Qe7 15.Na3 0-0 16.Nb5 b6 17.Nd6 Na5 18.Qg2 '!' Nb7 19.g4 Qh4+ 20.Qg3 '!?' Qxg3+ 21.hxg3 Nxd6 22.exd6 Kg7 23.Kd2 Rd8 24.Rh2

Rxd6 25.Rah1 Rd8 26.Rxh6 Rh8 27.gxf5 exf5 28.Rd6 '±']

[6...Nf6 This isn't the only move, but I think Black is doing well if White accepts the invitation to push forward with the pawns, and we can quickly stop White's center if White elects to defend the center. 7.e5 This is one tempting looking option for White since normally one doesn't want to put the knight in front of the center pawns. Nd5 8.Qg4 This is one of the trickier tries for White, and this may occur after Bd3 is played as well, but we'll respond in the same fashion. 8.c4 Nb4 only puts our knight on a strangely outposted square. Kf8 I prefer this over ...g6 or offering an exchange CCStartBracketCCwhich White isn't forced to acceptCCEndBracketCC with ...O-O. The king is as safe on f8 as anywhere else, and the rook on h8 will have a job to do. 9.Bd3 Maybe this isn't the most accurate move, because c4 runs into Nb4, but it doesn't have a major effect on what Black does here. h5 Now that we've lost castling rights, we want to make sure our rook as a way into the game. 10.Qg3 d6 Now Black is making contact with White's center, and we have ideas to increase the pressure with moves like Nc6 or Nd7/ Qc7, and of course h5-h4 is still in the toolkit. White's major kingside attack probably isn't going to pan out. Move Variations-Delayed Wing Gambit]

7.Nf3

[7.Bd3 7.Bd3 scores better than 7.f4. 7.Ld3 punktet besser als 7.f4.

A) 7...Nf6 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '!' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Clearly the best option compared to' I think that a plan of going for e5 makes sense. If we can stop White's e-pawn, then the bishop on d3 looks significantly less effective. 8.f4 *(8.Nf3* Both sides are going to develop and jockey for control over the e5 square, but we're going to comfortably win this battle. *Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1* Again I'm not confident this is better than 10.Nbd2 Qc7 followed by e5, but there's not a huge difference. *e5* Not only does this stunt the bishop, but it also makes the previous rook move look unimportant. *11.d5* This looks unusual, but White needs to seek play for the lost pawn, and now that Black has altered the pawn structure White may recognize the need for a new pawn break, and that is c4-c5. *Nb8* This is better than the a5-square, because we can quickly move towards c5. *12.c4 Nbd7 13.Nc3 Nc5* Now things have stabilized a bit for Black, and the pawn structure vaguely resembles an Old Indian where White has sacrificed a pawn on the queenside. From here Black may play moves such as b6, a5, and Na6-b4. For example, 14.Be3 Nfd7 15.Bc2 b6 16.Qe2 a5 . Move Variations-Delayed Wing Gambit *)* 8...0-0 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '!' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'This rare move is the best one in my opinion.' 9.Nf3 Qc7 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '!?' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'An interesting idea in order to fight for the advantage.' 10.Qc2 h6 11.0-0 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'An ambitious, but risky try.' Nbd7 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '!' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'I believe that with the help of several precise moves Black must be able to fight for the advantage.' 12.e5 Nd5 13.Qe2 Re8 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Preserving the bishop is the human handling of the position.' 14.Bd2 N5b6 Zherebukh-Vasquez 2013, and White could have gotten a crushing attack after GM Ivan

Cheparinov: '!' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Still, a very accurate play is required.' 15.exd6 Bxd6 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '!' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Clearly the best move, Black is already taking over the initiative.' 16.c4 Be7 17.Na3 Nf6 18.Nb5 Qb8 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '∓' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'White still has some compensation, but I would definitely prefer Black here.'
GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Instead,' 19.Ne5 Chapter-1. e4 c5 2. a3 e6/e5 [Gotham];
B) 7...Nc6 8.f4 Nf6 9.Nf3
B1) 9...0-0 10.0-0
B1a) 10...Bd7 11.Nbd2 Qc7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ne4 h6 14.Bb1 a5 15.Qd3 g6 16.h4 b5 *(16...Rfc8 17.h5 Be8 18.Nh2)* 17.h5 Be8 18.Nh2 Kg7 19.Ng4 Rh8 20.Ba2 Rd8 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Nef6 gxh5 23.Qg3 '+-';
B1b) 10...h6 11.Nbd2 e5 *(11...b6 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ne4 Bb7 14.Bb1)* 12.d5 Na5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Nxe5 '↑';
B1c) 10...e5 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.d5 Na5 *(12...Nb8 13.Nxe5 Bc5+ 14.Kh1 Re8 15.Bf4 Nbd7 16.Nxd7 Bxd7 17.Nd2* '±' *)* 13.Nxe5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Bd6 15.Rxf6 '!' gxf6 16.Ng4 Be5 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Nxe5 fxe5 19.Bh6 Rd8 20.Qh5 f6 21.Qh4 Kf7 22.Bg5 Qe7 23.Bc1 '+-';
B1d) 10...d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng5 '!?' Nxg5 *(12...h6 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Bxe4 Bd7 15.Rf3 f5 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Ba3 Be7 18.Bc2 Bxa3 19.Nxa3* '±' *)* 13.fxg5 g6 *(13...Bxg5* '?' *14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Qh5+ Bh6 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Rf6* '+-' *)* 14.h4 Bd7 15.Nd2 '↑' a5 16.Nf3 a4 17.Nh2 Na5 18.Ng4 Nb3 19.Ra2 Kh8 20.Rf3 b5 21.Nf6 Nxc1 22.Qxc1 Bxf6 *(22...b4 23.cxb4 Bxb4 24.h5 Be8 25.Rh3* '+-' *)* 23.gxf6 Rg8 24.Qg5 Qf8 25.h5 h6 26.Rh3 '+-';
B1e) 10...Qc7 11.Na3 e5 *(11...a6 12.Nb5 Qb8 13.Nxd6* '!' *Bxd6 14.e5 Be7 15.Ng5 g6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Qf3* '⩱' *)* 12.d5 Na5 13.Nb5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Bd7 15.Nxd6 Bxd6 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.Nxe5 Rad8 18.Bg5 '+-';
B1f) 10...b6 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ne4
B1f1) 13...f5 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Nfg5 '±';
B1f2) 13...Qd7 14.Bb1 *(14.Qe1* '!?' *Rfc8 15.Nfg5 h6 16.Nxf7* '!' *Kxf7 17.f5 exf5 18.Nxd6+ Bxd6 19.Bxf5* '+-' *)* 14...Rfc8 *(14...f5 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Neg5 h6 17.Qd3 Na5 18.Nh7 Nb3 19.Nxf8 Bxf8 20.Ra3 Be4 21.Qe2 Bxb1 22.Rxb3* '±' *)* 15.Qd3 g6 16.Nfg5 '!' Na5 17.Qh3 h5 18.Nxf7 '!' Kxf7 19.f5 exf5 20.Nxd6+ Bxd6 21.Bxf5 gxf5 22.Rxf5+ '+-';
B1f3) 13...h6 14.Bb1 *(14.Qe1* '!?' *a5 15.Qg3* '⩱' *)* 14...Rc8 15.Qd3 *(15.h4* '?!' *dxe5 16.fxe5 Nxc3* '!' *17.Nxc3 Nxd4* '∓' *)* 15...g6 16.h4
B1f31) 16...Bxh4 '?' 17.Nxd6 '+-';
B1f32) 16...h5 '?!' 17.Nfg5 Na5 18.f5 '!' exf5 19.Rxf5 '!' Qe8 *(19...gxf5 20.Ng3 Qd7 21.Nxf5* '+-' *)* 20.exd6 gxf5 21.dxe7 Qxe7 22.Qg3
B1f321) 22...f6 23.Ne6+ Kf7 *(23...Kh8 24.Nxf8 Qxf8 25.Qg6* '+-' *)* 24.Nd6+ Kxe6 25.Bxf5#;

B1f322) 22...f4 23.Bxf4 Nxf4 24.Qxf4 Bxe4 25.Bxe4 f5 26.Bd5+ Kh8 27.Kf2 '+-';

B1f33) 16...Na5 17.Ba2 '!' Qc7 18.Bd2 h5 19.Nfg5 Kg7 20.g4 hxg4 21.h5 Qc6 *(21...Rh8 22.Nxe6+ fxe6 23.Ng5 Rxh5 24.Nxe6+ Kh7 25.Nxc7 Rxc7 26.Bb1* '±' *Rh1+* '!' *27.Kxh1* '!' *Nxf4+ 28.Qe4 Bxe4+ 29.Bxe4* '+-' *)* 22.h6+ Kh8 *(22...Kxh6 23.exd6 Bxd6 24.f5 exf5 25.Nxf7+ Kg7 26.Nfxd6 fxe4 27.Qg3* '+-' *)* 23.c4 Nxc4 24.Bxc4 Qxc4 25.Qxc4 Rxc4 26.Rxa7 De Winter,I-Markus,R corr 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '±';

B2) 9...b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Nbd2N *(*Vorgänger: *11.Qc2 h6 12.e5 Nd5 13.Be4 Rc8 14.Qd3 Na5 15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.Nbd2 Qc7 17.Bb2* 0-1 (33) Nikanova,E (2116)-Yakovich,Y (2526) Chess.com INT 2020 *)* 11...Qc7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ne4 dxe5 14.fxe5 Na5 15.Bg5 Nxc3 16.Nxc3 Qxc3 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Rc1 Qb4 19.Rc7+ Ke8 20.Kh1 Rc8 21.Rxf7 Kxf7 22.Ng5+ Ke8 23.Qh5+ Kd8 24.Nxe6+ Kd7 25.Rf7+ Kxe6 26.Qf5+ Kd5 27.Rd7+ Kc6 28.Be4+ Kb5 29.Qf1+ Ka4 30.Bxb7 Nxb7 31.Rxb7 a5 32.d5 Rhf8 33.Qd1+ Qb3 34.Qa1+ Kb5 35.d6 Qd3 36.Qb2+ Kc4 37.Qc1+ Kd5 0-1 (37) Sokac,M (2265)-Klekowski,M (2466) Chess.com INT 2022]

7...Nc6 8.Be3 b6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.d5 exd5 11.exd5 Na5 12.Na3 Nf6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Re1 Re8 15.Bd3 and here after 15...Nb7 White's compensation is questionable. I think the play of both sides can be improved.

[58] Andy Martin: 'RR' **5...Bf8** Andy Martin: 'looks ludicrous, but as Black has no weaknesses it is permissible: Andrew Martin: 'looks ludicrous, but as Black has no weaknesses it is permissible:" 6.Ra3! Is the kind of fantastic idea that draws white players to this line. Black may be absolutely fine here, but even so- why give your opponent so much fun? Rowson,Jonathan: 'Is the kind of fantastic idea that draws white players to this line. Black may be absolutely fine here, but even so- why give your opponent so much fun?' '!?'

[6.Nf3

A) 6...d6 7.d4 Nf6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 '⩲';

B) 6...Qb6 7.Bd4 Qc6 '?!' *(7...Bc5* '?' *8.Bxg7 Bxf2+ 9.Ke2* '+-'*; 7...Qd8 8.Bxa7 Nf6 9.Nc3* '±' *)* 8.Nc3 a6 9.Ne5 Qd6 *(9...Qc7* '?' *10.Nb5 Qd8 11.Qf3 Nf6 12.Qe3* '+-' *)* 10.Qh5 Nh6 11.Be3 '±';

C) 6...Nc6 7.Na3 '!?' *(7.Nc3 d5 8.exd5 exd5 9.Qe2+ Be6 10.Qb5 Qd7 11.Na4 a6 12.Qb3 d4 13.Bc4 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 b5 15.Qe2+ Qe7 16.Nb6 Ra7 17.Nxd4* '±' *)* 7...d5 8.exd5 exd5 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.Qe2+ Qe7 *(10...Be7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.0-0* '⩲'*; 10...Be6 11.Ng5 Qd7 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nb5 Qxe2+ 15.Bxe2 Rd8 16.Nc7+ Ke7 17.Bf3 Nb4 18.0-0* '±' *)* 11.Nb5 Qxe2+ 12.Kxe2 Kd8 13.Ng5 Be6 14.Nd4 '±';

D) 6...a6 7.Bd3 '!?'

D1) 7...d5 8.exd5 exd5 '?!' *(8...Qxd5 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Nc3* '⩲' *)* 9.0-0 Nc6

10.Re1+ Be6 11.Bf5 '±';
D2) 7...Nf6 8.e5 Nd5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Be4 d6 *(10...f5* '?' *11.Bxd5 exd5 12.Nc3* '±' *)* 11.Qe2 dxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nf6 14.Bf3 Bd6 15.d4 0-0 16.Nd2 Rb8 17.Rfb1 '⩲';
D3) 7...d6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.c4 Nc6 10.Bc2 Be7 11.d4 '⩲';
E) 6...d5 7.exd5
E1) 7...exd5 8.Bb5+
E1a) 8...Nc6 9.0-0 Be6 10.Re1 Nge7 11.Ng5 Qd7 12.Qf3 *(12.Rxe6* '!?' *fxe6 13.Qh5+ Ng6 14.Bd3 Nce7 15.Nxh7 Kf7 16.Bxg6+ Nxg6 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Qxg6* '±' *)* 12...0-0-0 13.Rxa7 '±';
E1b) 8...Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Nxd7 *(9...Qxd7 10.Ne5 Qf5 11.0-0* '±' *)* 10.0-0 Nc5 *(10...Ngf6 11.Re1+ Be7 12.Ba3 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.d3* '±' *)* 11.Re1+ Ne6 12.Nd4 Qd7 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qg4 '±';
E2) 7...Qxd5 8.Nc3 Qd8 9.Nb5 Nc6 *(9...Na6 10.Ne5 Nf6 11.Qf3* '±' *Nb4 12.Rxa7 Rxa7 13.Nxa7 Nxc2+ 14.Kd1 Nb4 15.Bb5+ Ke7 16.Ba3* '+-' *)* 10.Ne5 Nf6 11.Qf3
E2a) 11...Bb4 12.Bd3
E2a1) 12...0-0 13.0-0 '↑' *(13.Nxc6* '!?' *bxc6 14.Rxa7 Rxa7 15.Nxa7* '⩱' *)*;
E2a2) 12...Bd7 13.Qg3 '!?' Nxe5 *(13...0-0* '?' *14.Nxd7)* 14.Bxe5 '±' 0-0 '?' 15.Qh4 h6 *(15...Be7 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qxh7#)* 16.Qxb4 '+-';
E2b) 11...Bd7 12.Nc4 Nb4 *(12...Bc8 13.Qf4 Nd5 14.Qg3 e5 15.Nxe5* '±' *)* 13.Nbd6+ Bxd6 *(13...Ke7* '?' *14.Bxf6+ gxf6 15.Qh5 Be8 16.Qc5* '+-' *Nxc2+ 17.Kd1 Nxa1 18.Nxb7+ Kd7 19.Ne5+ fxe5 20.Bb5#)* 14.Nxd6+ Ke7 15.Qb3 a5 16.Be5 Nfd5 17.Bg3 '⩱']

6...d6
[6...Nf6 7.e5
A) 7...Nd5 8.Rg3 g6 9.Na3 '!?' Bg7 10.Nc4 0-0 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.h4 h5 13.Nd6 a5 14.c4 Nde7 *(14...Ndb4* '?!' *15.d4 a4 16.Be2 a3 17.Ba1 a2 18.0-0 b6 19.Qb3* '±' *)* 15.Bd3 a4 16.0-0 a3 17.Ba1 a2 18.Be4 Ra3 19.d4 '↑';
B) 7...Bxa3
B1) 8.Nxa3 Nd5 9.Nb5 *(9.c4 Nb4 10.Nb5 0-0)* 9...0-0 10.c4 Nb4 '!';
B2) 8.Bxa3 Nd5 *(8...Ne4 9.Bd3 d5 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Qg4 g6 12.Qxe4 Bd7 13.Nf3 Bc6 14.Qf4 h6 15.0-0* '⩲' *)*
B2a) 9.c4 Ne7 '!' *(9...Nb6* '?!' *10.Nc3* '±' *)* 10.Qg4 0-0 11.Nf3 '⩲';
B2b) 9.Qg4
B2b1) 9...Rg8 10.Bd6 '⩲';
B2b2) 9...Qb6 10.Qxg7 Qxb1+ 11.Ke2 Nf4+ 12.Kf3 Ng6 13.Bd3 f5 *(13...Qa2 14.Bd6 Qd5+ 15.Ke3* '+-' *)* 14.exf6 Ne5+ 15.Ke2 Nf7 16.Nf3 '!!' Qa2 *(16...Qxh1 17.Ng5 Nc6 18.Qxf7+ Kd8 19.Bd6* '+-' *)* 17.Bd6 Nc6 18.Ng5 Ncd8 19.Nxh7 '+-';
B2b3) 9...g6 10.Bc4 *(10.Bd6* '⩲!?' *f5 11.Qg3 Nc6 12.Na3 Qa5*

13.Nh3 b6 14.Qh4 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.c4 Qa4 17.0-0 h6 18.d4 '±' *)* 10...Nc6 11.Nf3 f5 12.exf6 Qxf6 *(12...Nxf6 13.Qf4* '⩲' *)* 13.0-0 Qf4 14.Qxf4 Nxf4 15.Bd6 Nh5 16.Nc3 a6 17.Na4 b5 18.Nb6 Bb7 19.Nxa8 Bxa8 20.Bd3 '⩲']

[6...Bxa3 7.Bxg7 Be7 *(7...Bb2* '?' *8.Bxb2 f6 9.Qh5+ Ke7 10.Ba3+ d6 11.Nc3)* 8.Bxh8 Nc6 9.Nf3 '±']

[6...Nc6 7.Rg3 Nf6 *(7...f6 8.Nh3 Nh6 9.Nf4* '⩲' *)* 8.Nc3 *(8.e5 Ne4* '!?' *9.Re3 d5 10.exd6 Nxd6* '∞' *)* 8...a6 9.Nf3 d6 10.d4 Qb6 11.Ba1 Qa5 12.Bd3 g6 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Rg5 Qc7 15.e5 dxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Ne4 '↑']

[6...d5 7.exd5 Qxd5 *(7...exd5* '?!' *8.Re3+ Be6 9.Ne2 Nc6 10.Nf4 Qd7 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qh5+ g6 13.Qh3 e5 14.Rxe5+ Nge7 15.Re6 Rg8 16.Bb5 0-0-0 17.0-0 Bg7 18.Bxg7 Rxg7 19.Rfe1* '±' *)* 8.Rd3

A) 8...Qa2 9.Rb3 Nc6 10.Na3 Nf6 '?' *(10...Na5* '!' *11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Kxd7 13.Rb5 Nf6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rxa5 Bxa3 16.Nf3* '⩱' *)* 11.Ne2 Na5 12.Nc1 '+-';

B) 8...Qg5 9.Rg3 Qe7 10.Rxg7 Nf6 11.Rg3 '⩱']

7.Nf3 Nc6 8.d4 d5 9.Re3 dxe4 10.Rxe4 Nf6 11.Re3 Bb4+ 12.c3 Be7 13.Nbd2 0-0 14.Ne5 Qc7 15.Bd3 b6 16.0-0 Bb7 17.f4 '↑' 17...g6 18.Rh3 Rfe8 19.Qe1 Bf8 20.Qh4 Dobrov, V (2492) -Dragomarezkij, E (2486)/chessassistantclub.com INT 2004 This position is quite unclear to me, although I imagine White will score very well from it in an over the board scenario. His attack on the King is very strong. Andrew Martin: 'Dobrov, V (2492) -Dragomarezkij, E (2486)/ chessassistantclub.com INT 2004 This position is quite unclear to me, although I imagine White will score very well from it in an over the board scenario. His attack on the King is very strong.' 20...Bg7 21.Ne4 Nh5

[21...Nxe4 22.Qxh7+]

22.g4 Nxe5 23.fxe5 Bxe5 24.gxh5 '+-'

5...Kf8 6.Nf3 d5

[6...Nf6 7.e5 Ne4 8.Ra4 '!?' Qb6 *(8...Nc6* '!?' *9.c3 Qb6* '!' *10.d4 Be7 11.Ra2* '⩲' *)* 9.Bd4 Bc5 10.Bxc5+ Nxc5 11.Rf4 h6 *(11...d5* '?' *12.Ng5 f6 13.exf6 g6 14.d4* '±'*; 11...d6* '?' *12.Ng5 f6 13.exf6 g6 14.d4* '±' *)* 12.Na3 d5 13.Nh4 '⩲'

A) 13...g5 '?' 14.Ng6+ Kg7 15.Rxf7+ '!' Kxf7 16.Qf3+ '!'

A1) 16...Kxg6 17.Qf6+ Kh7 *(17...Kh5 18.Qf7+ Kh4 19.g3+ Kg4 20.h3#)* 18.Qf7#;

A2) 16...Ke8 17.Nxh8;

B) 13...Ke7 '?' 14.Qf3 Rf8 15.Ng6+ '+-']

[6...Nc6 7.Bb5 *(7.c3* '!?' *Be7 8.d4* '⩲' *)* 7...d5 *(7...a6 8.0-0 Nge7 9.d4* '⩲' *)* 8.exd5

A) 8...Qxd5 9.Qe2 Nf6 10.0-0 '⩲' Qe4 '?!' 11.Qxe4 Nxe4 12.Ra4 a5 *(12...Nc5 13.Bxc6 Nxa4 14.Bxa4* '±' *)* 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.c3 c5 15.cxb4 cxb4 16.Bd4 '±';

B) 8...exd5 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Re1 Be6 11.Nc3 Kg8 12.Ne2 h5 13.Nf4 Ne4 14.c4 '⩲']

7.exd5 exd5
[7...Qxd5 8.Be2 Nc6 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Na3 Be7 11.Nc4 '⩲']
8.Be2 Bg4 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Ra4 a5
[10...Bd6 '?' 11.Bxf6 '+-']
[10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 *(11.Rxb4 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 b6 13.Re1 Nbd7 14.Nc3* '±' *)* 11...Bd6 *(11...Nc6 12.Rxb4* '!' *Nxb4 13.Ba3 a5 14.c3* '±' *)* 12.Nc3 Be5 13.Qb1 '±']
[10...Nc6 11.h3 Bh5 12.Rxb4 '!' Nxb4 13.Ba3 a5 14.c3 Qe7 15.Re1 '±' Re8 '?!' 16.g4 Bg6 17.Bb5 '+-']
11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.c3 b5
[12...Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Bd6 14.Qb3 '⩱']
13.Bxb5 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Qxf3 15.gxf3 Be7 16.Re1 Lopez,J-Markus,R corr 200
Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '⩱'
5...Be7 '?' 6.Bxg7 Bf6 7.Bxh8
[7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nc3 '±']
7...Bxh8 8.d4 Nc6 9.c3 '±'
5...f6 6.Qh5+ g6
[6...Kf8 7.Bc4
A) 7...Qc7 8.Bb3 Nc6 9.Nf3 b6 *(9...e5* '??' *10.Qf7#)* 10.0-0 Bb7 11.d4 '!?' *(11.Nc3 a6 12.Rfe1* '⩲' *)* 11...Na5 12.Qb5 Be7 13.d5 Nxb3 14.Qxb3 '⩲';
B) 7...Qe8 8.Qe2 Qg6 9.Nf3
B1) 9...d5 '?!' 10.exd5 Qxc2 *(10...exd5 11.Bxd5 Qe8 12.Qxe8+ Kxe8 13.0-0* '±' *)* 11.Ba3 Bxa3 12.Nxa3 Qb2 13.0-0 '+-';
B2) 9...Qxg2 10.Rg1 Qh3 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Nb5 *(12.e5* '!?' *fxe5 13.Nb5)* 12...Nh6 13.e5 f5 14.Nd6 a5 15.Rg3 Qh5 16.Rg5 Qh3 17.Qd3 Ng4 *(17...Nf7 18.Rxf5* '!' *exf5 19.Nxf7)* 18.Rxf5+ '!' exf5 19.Qxf5+ Ke7 20.Bd4 Bxd6 *(20...Nxd4 21.Qg5+ Nf6 22.Qxg7+* '+-' *)* 21.exd6+ Kxd6 22.Qf4+ Ke7 23.Bc5+ Kd8 24.0-0-0 Ra6 25.Bxa6 bxa6 26.Re1 '+-';
C) 7...Nc6 8.Nf3 g6 9.Qh4 Kg7 10.0-0 b6 *(10...Nge7* '??' *11.Qxf6+ Kg8 12.Qg7#)* 11.Nc3 a5 12.e5 f5 13.Qf4 Bb7 14.Rfe1 '⩲']
7.Qh4 Be7
[7...g5 '?' 8.Qh5+ Ke7 9.h4 gxh4 10.e5 '!' *(10.Rxh4 Qe8 11.Qb5 Bd6 12.Ba3 Nc6 13.Qd3 Bxa3 14.Nxa3* '±' *)* 10...Nc6 *(10...f5 11.Qg5+ Ke8 12.Qg7* '+-' *)* 11.c3 Ba5 12.Ba3+ '+-']
[7...Kf7 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bc4 h5 10.e5 '!' g5 *(10...fxe5* '?' *11.Nxe5+ Ke8 12.Qxd8+ Nxd8 13.Nd3 Bxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Rh7 15.Ne5* '+-' *)* 11.Qg3 g4 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Ng5+ Kg7 14.Bb5 Be7 15.Na3 '±']
[7...d5 8.exd5 Qe7 *(8...exd5* '?' *9.Qxb4* '+-' *)* 9.Bd3 exd5+ 10.Ne2 g5 11.Qg3 *(11.Qd4 Nc6 12.Qxd5 Be6 13.Qf3 0-0-0 14.Be4* '±' *)* 11...Nc6 12.Nbc3 Bd6 13.Qf3 Nb4 14.Nxd5 g4 15.Bb5+ Kf8 16.Qb3 '±']
[7...Qe7 8.Bc4 *(8.c3* '!?' *Bd6 9.Na3* '⩲' *)* 8...Nc6 9.Nf3 h5 10.Qg3 Qg7 *(10...g5* '?!' *11.Nxg5* '±' *)* 11.Na3 Nge7 12.c3 '!?' Ba5 13.0-0 '⩲']
[7...Nc6 8.Bc4 a6 *(8...Be7 9.Nf3; 8...Qb6 9.Nf3* '!' *Bxd2+ 10.Nbxd2 Qxb2*

11.0-0 Qxc2 12.Rfc1 Qb2 13.Bd3 Kf7 14.Nc4 Qb3 15.Nd6+ Kg7 16.Bb5 Qb4 17.Rd1 '±' *)* 9.Nf3 b5 '?!' 10.Bxb5 Bb7 11.Ba4 Be7 12.Na3 f5 13.Qh3 Nf6 14.Nc4 0-0 15.exf5 exf5 16.Ng5 d5 17.0-0 dxc4 18.Bxf6 h5 19.Ne6 '±']

8.Nf3

[8.Ra3 '⩱!?']

[8.Nc3 '⩱!?']

[8.Na3 '⩱']

8...Nc6 9.Bc4 d5

[9...g5 '?' 10.Qh5+ Kf8 11.Nxg5 Qe8 12.Nxh7+ '+-']

[9...a6 10.0-0 b5 11.Bxb5 Bb7 12.Be2 '!?' f5 13.Qh3 Nf6 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Re1 '±']

[9...f5 10.Qh3 Bf6 *(10...Nf6 11.exf5 gxf5 12.0-0* '⩱' *)* 11.e5 Bg7 12.d4 b5 13.Bxb5 Rb8 14.Nc3 a6 15.Bxc6 Rxb2 16.Ba4 Ne7 17.0-0 Rb6 *(17...0-0* '?' *18.Bb3* '±' *)* 18.Nd2 Qc7 19.Qd3 0-0 20.Nc4 Rb4 21.Nd6 '⩲']

[9...Ne5 10.Nxe5 fxe5 11.Qg3 d6 12.Qb3 '!' Nf6 13.Nc3 '⩲']

[9...Qb6 10.Bb3 Na5 11.Bd4 *(11.0-0* '!?' *Nxb3 12.cxb3 Qxb3 13.Ba3 d6 14.Nc3 Qb6 15.Rfb1 Qd8 16.d4 a6 17.Bb4* '⩱' *)* 11...Nxb3 *(11...Qb5* '?!' *12.Nc3 Qb4* '?' *13.Ra4* '+-' *)* 12.Bxb6 Nxa1 13.Bc7 Nxc2+ 14.Kd1 Nb4 15.Nc3

A) 15...b6 16.Nd4 '↑' Ba6 17.Ndb5 Bxb5 18.Nxb5 f5 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Qh3 Na6 21.Nxf5 '!?' *(21.exf5 Nxc7 22.fxg6* '⩲' *)* 21...gxf5 22.Be5 Nf6 *(22...Bf6 23.Bd6+ Kg7 24.g4 fxe4 25.g5 Bd4 26.Qg3* '±' *)* 23.exf5 Nc5 *(23...Kf7 24.Re1)* 24.g4;

B) 15...a5 16.Na4 b5 17.Nb6 Ra7 18.Bb8 Rb7 19.Nxc8 Rxb8 20.Nxe7 Nxe7 *(20...Kxe7 21.Ne5* '±' *)* 21.Qxf6 '±']

10.exd5 exd5 11.Bb3 Be6

[11...f5 12.Qf4 '!' *(12.Qa4 Nf6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Re1* '⩲' *)*

A) 12...Bf6 13.Nc3 g5 *(13...Nge7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qh6* '±' *Bg7* '??' *16.Nxd5* '!' *Bxh6 17.Nxe7#)* 14.Qe3+ Nge7 *(14...Qe7 15.0-0-0 d4 16.Qxe7+ Ngxe7 17.Nb5 Kd8 18.Nbxd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Rf8 20.Rhe1* '±' *)* 15.Bxd5 f4 16.Qe2 Kf8 17.Bb3 Nf5 *(17...Ng6 18.Qc4* '±' *)* 18.Nxg5 '!?' Bxg5 19.Qh5 Qe8+ 20.Qxe8+ Kxe8 21.Ne4 Nfd4 22.Nxg5 Nxb3 23.cxb3 Rg8 24.Nxh7 '±';

B) 12...Nf6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Re1 '±' Ne4 *(14...Bd7* '?!' *15.Nc3* '±' *)* 15.Qh6 '↑' Bf6 '?' 16.Rxe4 fxe4 *(16...Bxb2 17.Ng5* '+-' *)* 17.Ng5 '+-']

12.0-0 Qd7

[12...a5 '?!' 13.Re1 Qd7 *(13...Bf7 14.Nc3* '±' *)* 14.Nc3 h5 15.Rxe6 '!' Qxe6 16.Nxd5 '+-']

13.Re1 0-0-0 14.Nc3 g5

[14...h5

A) 15.Nb5 a6 16.Nfd4 '!' *(16.Nbd4* '?' *g5* '!' *)* 16...Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qxb5 18.Rxe6 '±';

B) 15.Rxe6 Qxe6 16.Nxd5 Rxd5 17.Qc4 Nh6 18.Nd4 Qd7 19.Qxd5 Nxd4 20.Bxd4 '±']

15.Qa4 h5

[15...a6 16.Nd4 '±!' Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Kb8 18.Qb6 Bf7 19.Rxa6 '+-']
16.Nd4 '!'
[16.Rxe6 Qxe6 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.Qc4 '±']
16...Nxd4
[16...Bf7 17.Ncb5 '!' Bc5 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Nxa7+ Bxa7 20.Qxa7 Qxa7 21.Rxa7 Rd7 22.Ra8+ Kc7 23.Bxf6 '+-']
17.Qxd4 a6 18.Na4 Kb8 19.Qb6 Bf7 20.Bd4 '+-'

[59] **6...Qb6** 7.exf6 Bc5 8.fxg7
[8.Bc3 '!?' Bxf2+ 9.Ke2 Bxg1 10.d4 '±']
8...Bxf2+ 9.Ke2 Rg8 10.Bc3 Bxg1 11.d4 '±'
6...Ng8 7.Qg4 Bf8 8.Na3
[8.Ba3 '!?']
[8.Nc3 '!?']
8...Nh6 9.Qe4 Nc6 10.Nf3 '⩲'
6...Ne4 7.Qg4 Qb6
[7...d5 8.exd6 f5 9.Qxg7 Rf8 10.Be2 Qxd6 11.Bh5+ Kd8 12.Nf3 '↑']
8.Qxe4 Bc5 9.Bc3 Bxf2+ 10.Kd1 Bxg1 11.d4 '±'

[60] Maxim Notkin (www.chesstoday.net): 'In Razinger - Eliskases, Ebensee 1933 after' Andy Martin: 'RR' **7.Qg4** Bf8 Bangiev,Alexander J: '!?'
[7...0-0 8.Bd3 *(8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c4 f5 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Qh4 d5 12.Bd3 Ne4 13.Qh5 Qe8 14.Qxe8 Rxe8 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Ng5 e5 17.Nxe4 Be6 18.Na3 Red8 19.0-0 Bxa3 20.Rxa3 Bxc4 21.Rc1 Bd5 22.Nc5 b6 23.Nd3 Rac8 24.Re1 e4 25.Nf4 Bf7 26.Rg3 Bg6 27.h4 Rxd2 28.Bc3 Rd7 29.h5 Be8 30.Rxe4 Rf7 31.Ne6 Ne7 32.Bxg7 Nf5 33.Rg5 Nxg7 34.h6 Bc6* ChessBase II: 'Perunovic,M (2696)-Vuckovic,B (2499) Belgrade 2014 ½-½' *)* 8...Nc6 9.Nf3 f5 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Qh4 e5 12.0-0 d6 13.Ng5 h6 14.Ne4 Bf5 Black completed development and then converted the extra pawn into a win. Williams finds a fresh idea. 15.Nbc3 Bxc3 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Qc4+ d5 18.Qxc3 d4 19.Qb3+ Kh8 20.Ba3 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Rf7 Razinger-Eliskases, E/Ebensee 193301/0-1]
7.Nf3 Several other moves have been tried they all roughly come to the same. White gets to push Black around for quite some time in return for a pawn. Andrew Martin: 'Several other moves have been tried they all roughly come to the same. White gets to push Black around for quite some time in return for a pawn.' 7...Nc6 8.c4 Nde7 9.Be2 b6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Na3 Ng6
[I would have liked to have played 11...d5! I am sure he didn't do this because the long diagonal opens up, but nevertheless I think this was the best move, leading to advantage to Black: Andrew Martin: 'I am sure he didn't do this because the long diagonal opens up, but nevertheless I think this was the best move, leading to advantage to Black:' 12.exd6 *(12.Nc2 dxc4 13.Nxb4 Nxb4 14.Bxc4 Bb7; 12.cxd5 Qxd5 13.Nb5 Qd7)* 12...Bxd6 13.d4 Bb7 14.Nb5 Bf4 15.g3 Bb8∓]
12.d4 Now White has reasonable compensation. Black swoops on the two Bishops,

involving him in a loss of time, but which should still lead to advantage.. Andrew Martin: 'Now White has reasonable compensation. Black swoops on the two Bishops, involving him in a loss of time, but which should still lead to advantage.. ' 12...Nf4 13.d5 Na5 14.d6 Bxa3

[I have to prefer 14...Bb7 15.Nb5 Bc5 16.Nc7 Rc8 17.Qd2 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Nxc4∓]

15.Rxa3 Bb7 16.Bc1 Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Rc8 18.Ng5 h6

[18...f6! allows 19.Nxh7 Kxh7 20.Rg3 Qe8 21.Qg4 Qf7 22.Qh4+ Kg8 23.Bh6 and Black survives after g6 24.Bxf8 Rxf8]

19.Rg3 f6?! Wang's play is altogether too careless. He thinks he can win with virtually any move. Andrew Martin: 'Wang's play is altogether too careless. He thinks he can win with virtually any move.'

[By this stage, preferable was 19...hxg5 which almost certainly leads to a draw: Andrew Martin: 'which almost certainly leads to a draw:' 20.Rxg5! *(20.Bxg5 f6 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Qh5 Rf5!)* 20...g6 21.Qh5 Rxc4 22.Rxg6+=]

20.Nh3 Nxc4 21.Bxh6 Rf7 22.Nf4± Rc5 23.Bxg7! He asked for it! 23...Rxg7

24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 25.Qg4+ Kh8 26.Qh5+ Kg8 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qh6+ Kg8 29.Ng6 What are to make of this game? The message is clear to Sicilian addicts: do not underestimate these little -played sidelines. Have something very specific prepared. Andrew Martin: 'What are to make of this game? The message is clear to Sicilian addicts: do not underestimate these little -played sidelines. Have something very specific prepared.' 1-0 (29) Nikzaban,E (2069)-Wang Li (2407) Dubai UAE 2008 [Andy Martin]

[29.Nh5 Qf8 30.Nxf6+ leads to forced mate. Andrew Martin: 'leads to forced mate.']

[61] **7...Nc7** 8.Qh5 Is a different approach. What white probably didn't like here, is that the Black bishop is open an working now.

[8.Ra3 GM Ivan Cheparinov: ', which leads to mass exchanges of pieces after' '!?' '!'

A) 8...b6 9.Rg3 g6 10.h4 h5 11.Nf3 *(11.Bd3 Bb7 12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Nc3 Nba6 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 0-0-0 16.Ne2 Rhg8 17.Nd4 Nc5 18.Bf3 Kb8 19.Rg5* '±' *)* 11...Bb7 12.Ng5 Be7 *(12...d5* '?' *13.exd6* '+-' *)* 13.Nc3 Bxg5 14.Rxg5 a5 *(14...Nba6 15.Ba3* '±' *)* 15.Ba3 '±';

B) 8...d5 9.exd6

B1) 9...Qxd6 10.Rg3 Rg8 *(10...e5 11.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 12.Re3* '⩲' *)* 11.Nf3 Nd7 *(11...Nc6 12.Bxg7* '±' *)* 12.Be2 g6 13.0-0 a5 14.Nc3 '⩲';

B2) 9...Bxd6 10.Rd3 '!' Qe7 11.Bxg7 *(11.Qg4* '↑' *)* 11...Rg8 12.Bb2 '⩲' Nc6 13.Nc3 Bd7 14.Ne4 Be5 15.Ba3 '±';

C) 8...0-0 9.Rg3 '!' *(9.Rh3* '!?' *g6* '!' *)*

C1) 9...Kh8 '?' 10.Qh5 *(10.Bd3* '!?' *)* 10...g6 11.Qh6 Rg8 12.Rh3 Rg7 13.Nc3 '!' Bxc3 *(13...Nc6 14.Ne4 Be7 15.Nf6* '+-' *)* 14.Bxc3 Nc6 15.Nf3 Ne7 16.Qh4 '!' a5 17.Ng5 h5 *(17...Nf5* '??' *18.Nxf7+* '+-'*; 17...Qg8*

18.Nxh7 Rxh7 19.Qf6+ Qg7 20.Rxh7+ Kxh7 21.Qxe7 a4 22.h4 a3 23.h5) 18.g4 Kg8 19.Rg1 b5 20.Ne4 Bb7 21.Nf6+ Kf8 22.gxh5 Nf5 23.Qf4 b4 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.Rh8+ Kf7 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Bb2 '+-';
C2) 9...Re8 10.Qg4 Bf8 11.Bd3 g6 *(11...Nc6 12.Bxh7+ Kxh7 13.Qh5+ Kg8 14.Rh3 f6 15.exf6* '+-' *)* 12.h4 d5 13.h5 g5 14.h6 '!' Nc6 15.Nf3 Be7 16.Nxg5 Bxg5 17.Rh5 '+-';
C3) 9...Nc6 10.Qh5 *(10.Qg4* '!' *Ne8 11.Bd3 g6 12.h4 Qb6 13.h5 Bxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Qxb2 15.hxg6 Qxe5+ 16.Ne2 h5 17.Rxh5 f5 18.Qh4* '+-' *)*
C3a) 10...Ne8 11.Bd3 g6 12.Qh6 Qe7 13.Nf3 d6 *(13...Bc5 14.Ng5 f5 15.exf6 Bxf2+ 16.Kd1 Nxf6 17.Nxh7 Bxg3 18.Nxf6+ Rxf6 19.hxg3* '+-' *)* 14.exd6 Bxd6 15.Qxh7+ Kxh7 16.Rh3+ Kg8 17.Rh8#;
C3b) 10...Ne7 11.Bd3 Ng6 *(11...g6 12.Qh6* '+-'*; 11...h6 12.Qxh6 Ng6 13.Qh5* '+-' *)* 12.Nf3 b5 *(12...Be7 13.h4 Na6 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nxf7 Rxf7 16.Qxg6 Kf8 17.Qh7* '+-' *)* 13.Ng5 h6 14.Nxf7 Rxf7 15.Qxg6 Ne8 16.Qh7+ Kf8 17.Bg6 Re7 18.Qh8#;
C4) 9...g6 10.Qh5 '!?' Re8 11.Nf3 Bf8 12.Bd3 Bg7 13.Qh3 Nc6 *(13...d5 14.Ng5 dxc4 15.Qxh7+ Kf8 16.Ba3+ Re7 17.Rf3* '+-' *)* 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nxf7 '!' Kxf7 16.Bxg6+ Kg8 17.Bxe8 Qxe8 18.Qxh6 Qf7 19.Nc3 '!' Nxe5 20.0-0 Nxc4 21.Nd5 Nxb2 22.Nxc7 Rb8 23.Ne8 '+-';
C5) 9...Ne8 '!?' 10.Nf3 *(10.Qh5 f5; 10.Qg4 Bc5* '!' *)* 10...Nc6 11.Bd3 f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Ng5 e5 14.0-0 h6 15.Ne4 d6 16.Nbc3 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Qh4 18.Qb1 a5 19.Nd5 '⯹';
C6) 9...d6 '!'
C6a) 10.Bd3 '!?' dxe5 '!' *(10...g6* '?' *11.Qh5)* 11.Rxg7+ '!?' Kxg7 12.Qg4+ Kh8 13.Qe4 f5 14.Qxe5+ Qf6 15.Qxf6+ Rxf6 16.Bxf6+ Kg8 17.Nf3 '⇄';
C6b) 10.Qh5 dxe5 '⇄!';
C6c) 10.c5 '!!'
C6c1) 10...dxe5 '?' 11.Qg4 '+-';
C6c2) 10...Nc6 11.cxd6 '±';
C6c3) 10...Bxc5 11.Qh5
C6c31) 11...Ne8 12.Bd3 g6 13.exd6 '!?' *(13.Nf3* '!?'*; 13.Qh6* '!?' *)* 13...Bxf2+ 14.Ke2 '!' Nf6 *(14...Bxg3* '?' *15.Qxh7+* '+-' *)* 15.Qg5 e5 *(15...Nbd7 16.Bxf6* '±'! *)* 16.Kxf2 Qb6+ 17.Ke2 Ng4 *(17...Bg4+ 18.Nf3* '±'*; 17...Qxb2 18.Qxf6 Nd7 19.Qh4 Nc5 20.Nc3* '±' *)* 18.Nf3 Qxb2 *(18...Nc6 19.Nc3* '!' *)* 19.Nc3 Qb6 20.Nd5 Qf2+ *(20...Qxd6 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Nxc8 Rxc8 23.Rxg4* '±' *)* 21.Kd1 Qc5 22.Ne7+ Kg7 23.Rxg4 Bxg4 24.Qxg4 '↑';
C6c32) 11...dxe5 '?' 12.Qxe5 '+-';
C6c4) 10...dxc5 '!'
C6c41) 11.Qh5 Qd5 '=!' 12.Nc3 *(12.Rxg7+* '=' *)* 12...Bxc3 13.Rxg7+ Kxg7 14.Qg5+ Kh8 15.Qf6+;
C6c42) 11.Bd3 '!'

C6c421) 11...Kh8 12.Bxh7 g6 *(12...Kxh7 13.Qh5+ Kg8 14.Rh3 f6 15.exf6* '+-' *)* 13.Bxg6 fxg6 14.Qg4 Rf7 15.Qxg6 Rh7 16.Nh3 Nd5 17.Nc3 '+-';

C6c422) 11...g6 12.h4 '!'

C6c4221) 12...Nd5 13.h5 Nf4 14.Be4 *(14.Bc2* '!?' *Nc6 15.Nh3 Qh4 16.Rg4)* 14...g5 15.Nh3 Nxh3 *(15...Kh8 16.Nxg5* '+-' *)* 16.gxh3 '!';

C6c4222) 12...c4 13.Be4 '!'

C6c42221) 13...Ne8 14.h5 g5 15.Qc2 h6 16.f4 *(16.Qxc4 Be7 17.f4* '**±**' *)* 16...Be7 17.Nf3 Kh8 18.fxg5 hxg5 19.Na3 *(19.0-0* '**±**' *)*;

C6c42222) 13...Nc6 14.h5 g5 15.Nh3 h6 16.f4 Be7 17.fxg5 hxg5 18.h6 '+-';

C6c42223) 13...Nba6 14.h5 g5 15.Nh3 h6 16.f4 Nc5 17.Bc2 Nd3+ 18.Bxd3 cxd3 19.fxg5 Kh8 20.g6 Rg8 21.0-0 '+-';

C6c42224) 13...Kh8 14.Nf3 *(14.h5* '!?' *g5 15.h6)* 14...h5 15.Ng5 *(15.Qc2 Qe8 16.0-0* '**±**' *)* 15...Nc6 16.Nxf7+ '!' Rxf7 17.Bxg6 Qe7 18.Rg5 Bc5 19.Rxh5+ Kg8 20.Bxf7+ Qxf7 21.Qg4+ Kf8 22.Rh8+ Ke7 23.Nc3 '+-';

C6c42225) 13...Nd5 14.h5

C6c422251) 14...Qb6 15.Qg4 Bxd2+ *(15...Bd7 16.Nf3; 15...Be7 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.Rf3 Rf5 18.Rxf5 exf5 19.Bxd5+ Be6 20.Qxc4 Bxd5 21.Qxd5+ Kg7 22.Qa2* '+-' *)* 16.Nxd2 Qxb2 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Ne2 '+-';

C6c422252) 14...g5 15.h6 '!' Kh8 16.Nh3 *(16.Na3* '!?' *c3 17.dxc3 Be7 18.Nh3* '**±**' *)* 16...Be7 17.Qh5 Nc6 18.Nxg5 Bxg5 19.Rxg5 Nf4 20.Qg4 Ng6 21.Na3 '**±**';

C6c422253) 14...Bc5 15.hxg6 Bxf2+ 16.Kxf2 fxg6+ 17.Ke1 Qb6 18.Rf3 '!' *(18.Nf3* '!?' *Qxb2 19.Rgh3)* 18...Rxf3 19.Qxf3 Nd7 *(19...Qxb2 20.Rxh7* '+-!' *)* 20.Bxg6 hxg6 21.Qh3 '+-';

C6c42226) 13...Be7 '!?' 14.Qh5 '!'

C6c422261) 14...Nd7 15.Qh6 '+-';

C6c422262) 14...Re8 15.Nf3 Kg7 *(15...Nd7 16.Bxg6* '!' *fxg6 17.Rxg6+ hxg6 18.Qxg6+ Kf8 19.Ng5* '+-' *)* 16.Qg4 Rg8 17.Ng5;

C6c422263) 14...Kg7 15.Qg4 Nd7 *(15...Nc6 16.h5 g5 17.f4; 15...Nca6 16.Nf3 Nd7 17.h5 g5 18.h6+* '!' *Kh8 19.Rh5 Rg8 20.Na3 Nac5 21.Nxc4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 g4 23.Nd6 Qf8 24.Rxg4* '+-' *)* 16.h5 g5 17.h6+ Kh8 18.Nf3 Rg8 19.Nc3 Nc5 20.Ba3 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Bd7 *(21...Bxa3 22.Nfxg5* '+-' *)* 22.Nfxg5 Bxg5 23.Nxg5 Be8 24.0-0

(24.Bf8 Rg6 25.Qf3 Nd5 '±!' *)* 24...Nd5 25.f4 Qb6+ *(25...Ne7 26.Bxe7 Qxe7 27.f5 Bd7 28.Qxc4 Raf8 29.f6 Qd8 30.Qe4 Rg6 31.Qxb7* '+-' *)* 26.Kh2 Rg6 27.f5 exf5 28.Rxf5 '+-';

D) 8...Bxa3 9.Bxa3

D1) 9...f5 '?' 10.Qh5+ g6 11.Qh6 Kf7 *(11...d6 12.Qg7 Rf8 13.Bxd6 Nd7 14.Qxh7 Rf7 15.Qg8+ Nf8 16.h4* '±' *)* 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.h4 '!?' *(13.Ng5+* '!?' *)* 13...Qg8 14.Ng5+ Ke8 15.Bd6 Na6 16.h5 Ne7 17.Be2 '+-';

D2) 9...Qh4 '?!' 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Nf3

D2a) 11...Qh5 12.Ne4 '!?' Nxe5 13.Be2 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Qa5 15.Nd6+ '?' *(15.Qc1* '!' *d5 16.Nd6+ Kd7 17.Nxf7 Re8 18.Ne5+ Kd8 19.0-0* '±' *)* 15...Kf8 16.Qc1 Qe5+ '∞';

D2b) 11...Qf4 12.d4 f5 *(12...d5* '?' *13.Bc1 Qg4 14.h3 Qf5 15.Nh4* '+-'*; 12...f6 13.g3 Qh6 14.Ne4 d5 15.Nd6+ Kd7 16.Be2* '±' *)* 13.Be2 Qh6 14.d5 '±';

D3) 9...a5 10.Qg4 g6 11.Bd6 Nc6 12.Nf3 *(12.Nc3 a4* '⇄' *)* 12...a4 13.Bd3 '!?' Ne7 14.Nc3 Nf5 15.Ne4 Nxd6 16.Nxd6+ Kf8 *(16...Ke7* '??' *17.Qg5+* '+-' *)* 17.Ng5 '!' a3 18.Ke2 '!' Kg7 19.Ngxf7 '±';

D4) 9...Nba6 10.Qg4 g6 *(10...Rg8 11.Nc3 d5 12.exd6 e5 13.Qh5 Ne6 14.Nf3* '±' *)* 11.Nc3 f5 *(11...d5* '?' *12.exd6 e5 13.dxc7* '+-' *)* 12.exf6

D4a) 12...Qxf6 13.Bd6 h5 14.Qe4 '⩲' Kf7 *(14...Rg8 15.Nf3 g5 16.Ne5)* 15.Be5 Qd8 16.Qf4+ Kg8 17.Ne4 '+-';

D4b) 12...d6 13.Ne4 Nc5 *(13...e5 14.Qf3 0-0 15.Bxd6 Bf5 16.c5* '±' *)* 14.f7+ Kf8 *(14...Kxf7* '?' *15.Qf4+ Kg7 16.Nxd6 Rf8 17.Qe5+ Qf6 18.Qxf6+ Rxf6 19.Bxc5* '+-' *)* 15.Nxc5 e5 *(15...dxc5 16.Qf4 b6 17.Bb2 e5 18.Qxe5 Kxf7 19.Qg7+ Ke6 20.Qxh8* '+-' *)* 16.Qe4 '!?' dxc5 17.Nf3 Bf5 18.Qe3 Ne6 19.Nxe5 Kg7 20.Be2 Nd4 21.0-0 Rc8 22.Bb2 '↑' Nxe2+ '?' 23.Qxe2 '+-';

D5) 9...f6 10.Qh5+ *(10.Nc3* '!?' *Nc6 11.Ne4)* 10...g6 11.Qh6 Kf7 12.h4 '⩲'

D5a) 12...Nc6 13.h5 g5 *(13...Nxe5 14.f4* '!' *Ng4 15.hxg6+ hxg6 16.Qxh8 Qxh8 17.Rxh8 Kg7 18.Rd8* '+-' *)* 14.Nf3 Nxe5 *(14...Rg8 15.Bd3* '!' *Rg7 16.Bxh7 Nxe5 17.Nxe5+ fxe5 18.Rh3* '!' *g4 19.Bg6+ Kg8 20.Rg3* '+-' *)* 15.Nxe5+ fxe5 16.Bd6 '!' Qf6 '!' *(16...Ne8 17.Bxe5 Nf6 18.Rh3 g4 19.Rd3 Rg8 20.Nc3)* 17.Qxf6+ Kxf6 18.Bxc7 d5 19.Rh3 e4 20.Nc3 '±';

D5b) 12...d5 13.h5 g5 14.Bd3

D5b1) 14...Qg8 '??' 15.Qxf6+ Ke8 16.Qe7#;

D5b2) 14...Nd7 15.Nf3 Qg8 *(15...Kg8 16.Nc3)* 16.exf6 '+-';

D5b3) 14...f5 15.Nf3 Rg8 16.g4 Rg7 17.Rg1;

D5c) 12...d6 13.h5 '!' g5 14.exd6 Nca6 *(14...Ne8 15.Bd3 Kg8 16.Nf3 Nxd6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Qxf6* '+-' *)* 15.Bd3 Qg8 *(15...Kg8 16.Nf3 Nc6 17.Nc3* '!' *Nab4 18.Bxb4 Nxb4 19.Ne4* '!' *Nxd3+ 20.Kf1 Kf7 21.Nxf6*

Qxf6 22.Nxg5+ Qxg5 23.Qxg5 Re8 24.Rh3 '+-' *)* 16.Bg6+ '!' hxg6 17.hxg6+ Qxg6 *(17...Ke8 18.Qxh8 Qxh8 19.Rxh8+ Kd7 20.g7* '+-' *)* 18.Qxh8 Qxb1+ 19.Ke2 Qe4+ 20.Kd1 Qb1+ 21.Bc1 Nc6 22.Rh6 Qf5 23.Rh7+ Qxh7 24.Qxh7+ Kf8 25.d7 '+-';

D5d) 12...fxe5 13.Rh3 e4 14.Nc3 d5 15.h5 Nc6 16.hxg6+ hxg6 17.Qxh8 Qxh8 18.Rxh8 '+-';

D6) 9...b5 '!?'

D6a) 10.Nc3 Nc6 '!' 11.cxb5 Ne7 *(11...Nxe5 12.Ne4 Qh4 13.Nd6+ Kd8 14.d4 Ng6 15.Nf3* '±' *)* 12.Ne4 0-0 13.Bd3 Ncd5 '⩲';

D6b) 10.Qg4 g6 *(10...g5 11.h4)* 11.Nf3 '!' Bb7 *(11...Nc6 12.cxb5 Ne7 13.Ng5 Bb7 14.Nc3* '⩲' *)* 12.Nc3 *(12.Bd6 bxc4 13.Bxc4 Nd5 14.0-0 f5 15.Qh3* '⩲' *)* 12...bxc4 *(12...f5 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Be2* '⩲!' *)* 13.Bxc4 *(13.Ng5* '⩲!?' *)* 13...f5 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Qg3 '!' Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nd5 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.0-0 '↑';

D7) 9...d5 '!?' 10.Qg4 *(10.exd6 Nca6 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Nc3 Nc6 13.Qb3 e5* '∓' *)*

D7a) 10...Rg8 11.Nf3 h6 12.Bd3 g6 13.Nc3 a6 *(13...Nc6 14.0-0 a5 15.Bd6 a4 16.Ra1 a3 17.Qh3 h5 18.Qg3 g5* '?!' *19.h4* '±' *)* 14.0-0 '⩲' Nc6 15.Bd6 f5 16.Qh3 h5 17.cxd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Qg3 '!' g5 20.h4 f4 21.Qh2 g4 22.Ng5 Rxg5 23.Qxf4 '!' Rg8 24.Rb1 '!';

D7b) 10...g5 11.Qh5 dxc4 12.Nf3 h6 13.h4 Qd5 *(13...Nd5* '?!' *14.Nxg5* '↑'*; 13...Nc6 14.Nc3 Nd5 15.Nxg5* '↑' *Nxe5* '?' *16.Nge4)* 14.Be2 Nb5 *(14...Nc6 15.Nc3 Qa5 16.Bd6 Nb5 17.Ne4 g4 18.Qxg4 Nxd6 19.Nxd6+ Kf8 20.Qf4 Qa1+ 21.Bd1 Rh7 22.0-0* '⩱' *)* 15.Nxg5 Nxa3 16.Qxf7+ Kd8 17.Qf6+ Kc7 18.Nxa3 Rd8 19.Qe7+ Bd7 20.Nb5+ Kc8 *(20...Qxb5* '??' *21.Nxe6+ Kb6 22.Qxd8+ Ka6 23.Nc7+* '+-' *)* 21.Nc3 Qa5 22.Nf7 Nc6 23.Qd6 Qa1+ 24.Bd1 Qa5 25.g4 '⩱';

D7c) 10...g6 11.Nc3

D7c1) 11...Nc6 12.Nf3 '!?';

D7c2) 11...a5 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.Bd6 a4 14.Bd3 '!?' a3 *(14...dxc4 15.Qxc4 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Qxd5 Be6 18.Qc5 a3 19.0-0 a2 20.Ra1 Ra5 21.Bb5; 14...f5 15.Qf4 h6 16.h4 a3 17.0-0 a2 18.Ra1 dxc4 19.Bxc4* '⩲' *)* 15.0-0 a2 16.Ra1 dxc4 17.Qxc4 Nd5 '!' 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Qxd5 Be6 20.Qc5 Ra5 21.Bb5 '↑'

D7c21) 21...Bd7 '!' 22.Nd4

D7c211) 22...Nxd4 23.Bxd7+ Qxd7 '?' *(23...Kxd7 24.Qxd4 Ke8 25.e6 f6 26.Qb4 Ra6 27.Qxb7 Qxd6 28.Qf7+ Kd8 29.Qxf6+ Kc7 30.Qxh8 Qxe6 31.Qxh7+ Kc6 32.h4 Rb6 33.Rc1+ Kb5 34.Qh8 Ka4 35.Qd4+ Rb4 36.Qa7+ Kb3 37.Rc3+ Kb2 38.Qa3+ Ka1 39.Rc1+ Rb1 40.Qc3#)* 24.Qxa5 Nb3 25.Qa8+ Qd8 26.Qa4+ '+-';

D7c212) 22...b6 '!' 23.Qxc6 Rxb5 24.Qc2 Rd5 25.Qb2 Rxd6 26.exd6 0-0 27.Rxa2 Re8 28.Ra1 Qf6 29.Qxb6 Re4 30.Ra8+

Kg7 31.Nf3 Bh3 '=!';

D7c22) 21...Qa8 22.Nd4 Kd7 23.Nxe6 fxe6 *(23...Kxe6* '?' *24.Qc4+ Kf5 25.Qd3+ Ke6 26.Qh3+ f5 27.Qb3+ Kd7 28.Qf7+ Kd8 29.Qc7+ Ke8 30.Qe7#)* 24.Qc4 Rc8 *(24...Rxb5 25.Qxb5 Qa6 26.Qxa6 bxa6 27.Rxa2* '**±**' *)* 25.h4 h5 26.Rxa2 '!!' Rxa2 27.Qf4 Rf8 28.Bxf8 Qe8 29.Bd6 Ra1+ 30.Kh2 '**±**';

D7c3) 11...h5 12.Qg3 g5 13.h4 *(13.Nf3* '!?' *)* 13...g4 14.Nf3 '!' gxf3 *(14...Nc6 15.Ng5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 f6 17.Qg3 fxg5 18.hxg5* '+-' *)* 15.Qg7 Kd7 16.Qxf7+ Kc6 17.cxd5+

D7c31) 17...Nxd5 18.Qxf3 '**⩲**' Qa5 *(18...b6 19.Bc4 Ba6 20.d3* '**±**' *)* 19.Bc4 Qxa3 20.Bxd5+ exd5 21.Qxd5+ Kb6 22.0-0 Bf5 23.Qf3;

D7c32) 17...exd5 18.Qg6+ Be6 19.Bb5+ Kb6 20.Qb1 '!' Nxb5 21.Nxb5 Ka6 *(21...Kc6 22.Nd4+ Kd7 23.0-0* '!' *Qb6 24.Qd3; 21...Bf5 22.Qb3 Ka6 23.0-0* '+-' *)* 22.Nd6 Qb6 23.Bb4 '+-';

D8) 9...Nc6

D8a) 10.Bd6 '!?' Ne7 '!' 11.Bd3 0-0 12.Qh5 *(12.Nf3 h6 13.h4 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6)* 12...Nf5 '!' 13.Bxf5 '!' exf5 14.Qxf5 *(14.Nf3 f6)* 14...f6 '**∞!**';

D8b) 10.Qg4

D8b1) 10...Nxe5 '?' 11.Qxg7 Ng6 12.Bd3 f5 *(12...Rf8 13.Bxg6 d6 14.Bxh7* '+-' *)* 13.Be2 d6 14.Bh5 Rf8 15.Qxh7 Qe7 16.Qxg6+ Kd8 17.Nc3 '+-';

D8b2) 10...Rg8 11.Nf3 h6 *(11...g6 12.Bd6 h5 13.Qf4 g5 14.Qe4* '**±**' *)* 12.Nc3 a5 13.Bd6 a4 14.Bd3 a3 15.0-0 a2 16.Nxa2 Rxa2 17.Bh7 Ne7 18.Bxg8 Kf8 19.Bh7 '**±**';

D8b3) 10...g6 11.Nf3

D8b31) 11...h5 12.Qf4

D8b311) 12...a6 13.Ng5 f5 14.exf6 d6 15.f7+ Ke7 *(15...Kf8 16.Bxd6+ Kg7 17.Bxc7* '+-' *)* 16.Nh7 Rxh7 17.f8Q+ Qxf8 18.Qxd6+ '+-';

D8b312) 12...d5 13.Nc3 a6 14.Bd6 Ne7 15.Qf6 Rf8 16.Ng5;

D8b32) 11...Ne7 12.Nc3

D8b321) 12...0-0 13.Ne4 Nf5 14.Qf4 *(14.Qh3* '!?' *)* 14...d6 15.Nf6+ Kg7 *(15...Kh8 16.g4 dxe5 17.Qxe5 Ne7 18.Bb2 Nc6 19.Qg5* '+-' *)* 16.g4 Ne8 17.Nh5+ Kg8 18.gxf5;

D8b322) 12...Kf8 13.Qh4 h5 *(13...Ne8 14.Bd3)* 14.Qf6 Rg8 *(14...Rh7 15.Ng5* '+-' *)* 15.Ng5 Rg7 16.Nxf7 '+-';

D8b33) 11...f5 12.exf6 Qxf6 13.Nc3

D8b331) 13...h5 14.Qg3 Na6 15.Bd3 h4 *(15...Rg8 16.0-0* '**±**' *)* 16.Qd6;

D8b332) 13...Ne5 14.Qg3 '!' Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Na6 16.Bd6 Rf8 17.f4 Rf7 18.h4 '**±**';

D8b333) 13...Qf5 14.Qh4

D8b3331) 14...d5 '?!' 15.Bd3 '!' g5 *(15...Qf7 16.0-0 Bd7 17.cxd5* '+-'*; 15...Qxd3 16.Qf6 Rg8 17.g4* '+-!!' *)* 16.Qh6 Qf7 17.Nxg5 '+-';

D8b3332) 14...Kf7 15.Ne4 '!?' Ne8 *(15...Kg7 16.Bb2+ e5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Qe7+ Kh6 19.Bxe5 Qxe4+ 20.Be2 Qb1+ 21.Bd1 Qe4+ 22.Kf1 Qxc4+ 23.Kg1* '+-' *)* 16.Bd3 Kg8 17.0-0 '±';

D8b334) 13...d5 '?!' 14.Qg3 '↑';

D8b34) 11...d5 12.exd6 *(12.Nc3)* 12...Na6 13.c5 0-0 *(13...Qa5 14.Qh4 0-0 15.Ng5 h5 16.Ne4* '⩲' *)* 14.Bxa6 *(14.h4 e5 15.Qa4 Bd7 16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Nc3 Ncb8 18.Ne4* '⩲' *)* 14...bxa6 15.Qe4 *(15.0-0 Rb8 16.d3 Bd7 17.Nbd2* '⩲' *)*

D8b341) 15...Bb7 16.0-0 Qf6 *(16...Na5 17.Qe2 Rb8 18.Ne5* '⩲' *)* 17.Qe3 a5 18.d4 '⩲';

D8b342) 15...Rb8 16.0-0 Bd7 17.d4 '⩲' Qa5 18.Bc1 f5 19.Qc2

D8b3421) 19...Qb4 20.Bh6 Rfc8 21.Qe2 Qxb1 *(21...Qb2 22.Nbd2 Nxd4 23.Qe3 Nxf3+ 24.Nxf3 Rb3 25.Qg5 Re8 26.h4 Bc6 27.Rd1 Qc2 28.Rd2* '±' *)* 22.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 23.Ne1 Rcb8 24.h3 R8b2 25.Bd2 Nxd4 26.Qe3 e5 *(26...Nb3* '?' *27.Bc3)* 27.Kh2 Rd1 *(27...f4 28.Qe4 Bc6 29.d7 Bxe4 30.d8Q+ Kf7 31.Qd7+ Kf6 32.Qd6+ Kf5 33.Bxf4* '+-' *)* 28.Bc3 Rb3 29.Nc2 Nc6 *(29...Nxc2 30.Qxe5 Rxc3 31.Qxc3 Nd4 32.Qe3* '±' *)* 30.Qe2 Rxc3 31.Qxd1 Rxc5 32.Ne3 '±';

D8b3422) 19...Rb4 20.Bh6 Rfb8 21.Nbd2 Qa4 *(21...Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Rxd4 23.c6 Rxd6 24.cxd7 Rxd7 25.Qc6* '±' *)* 22.Qc1

D8b34221) 22...Qa2 23.h4 a5 24.h5

D8b342211) 24...a4 25.Nb3 '!'

D8b3422111) 25...Qxb3 26.Qg5 Nxd4 *(26...Be8 27.Qf6 R4b7 28.Qf8#)* 27.Ne5 '+-';

D8b3422112) 25...R4b7 26.Qg5 Be8 27.Na5 Nxa5 28.Ne5 '+-';

D8b342212) 24...Qb2 25.Qe1 R8b7 *(25...Nxd4 26.Nxd4 Qxd4 27.c6 Qxd6 28.cxd7 a4 29.Nf3 Qxd7 30.Qa1 Rb2 31.Bf4 R8b4 32.h6* '±' *)* 26.Qe3 Nxd4 27.Qg5 Nc6 28.hxg6 '+-';

D8b342213) 24...Be8 25.Ne4 fxe4 26.Qf4 '±';

D8b34222) 22...Nxd4 23.Qe1 Nxf3+ 24.Nxf3 Rb1 25.Qxb1 Rxb1 26.Rxb1 Bb5 27.h4 Qc2 28.Rc1 Qe4 29.Rd1 Bd7 30.Rd2 Qa4 *(30...Qb7 31.Ne5 Qb1+ 32.Kh2 Qe4 33.Nxd7* '+-' *)* 31.Kh2 e5 32.Rb2 Bb5 33.c6 Bxc6 34.Rb8+ Kf7 *(34...Be8 35.Nxe5* '+-' *)* 35.Ng5+ Kf6 36.Rf8#;

D9) 9...b6 10.Qg4

D9a) 10...Rg8 11.Nc3 *(11.Qe4* '!?' *g6 12.Bd6 Nc6 13.Nc3* '⩲' *)* 11...Bb7

12.Bd6 Nba6 13.Nf3 '!' h6 14.Bd3 g6 15.Be4 '!' Nc5 16.Bxc5 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 bxc5 18.Qf4 Ke7 19.Nd6 Rg7 20.Qxh6 Qh8 21.Qg5+ Kf8 22.Ne4 Qh5 23.Qe3 '**±**';

D9b) 10...g6 11.Bd6 *(11.Nc3 f5* '**⩱**' *)* 11...Bb7 12.Nc3 *(12.Nf3* '!?' *Nc6 13.Qf4* '**⩱**' *)*

D9b1) 12...f5 13.exf6 Nba6 14.Qf4 Kf7 15.Be7 '+-';

D9b2) 12...Nba6 13.Qf4 g5 *(13...h6 14.h4* '↑' *)* 14.Qg3 h5 *(14...h6 15.h4 Rg8 16.Nf3* '**±**' *)* 15.h4 g4 16.Nh3 '!' f5 17.exf6 Qxf6 18.Be5 Qh6 19.Ng5 Rc8 20.Bd3 Rf8 21.0-0 '**±**';

D9b3) 12...Nc6 13.Qf4 '!' Ne7 *(13...g5 14.Qf3 g4 15.Qxg4 Ne7 16.Nf3 Rg8 17.Qh5 Rg7 18.Bd3* '**±**' *)* 14.Qf6 Rf8 *(14...Rg8 15.Bxc7 Qxc7 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.Nd6+ Kd8 18.Nh3* '+-' *)* 15.Nh3 h6 *(15...Nf5 16.Qxd8+ Rxd8 17.Bxc7 Rc8 18.Nb5 f6 19.Nd6+ Nxd6 20.exd6* '**±**' *)* 16.Bxc7 Qxc7 17.Nb5 Qc6 18.Nd6+ Kd8 19.Nf4 '!' Qa4 *(19...a5* '?' *20.Nxg6* '+-' *)* 20.Nxb7+ Kc7 21.Nd6 Qa1+ 22.Ke2 Nc6 23.Nd3 a6 24.g3 Nd4+ 25.Ke3 g5 26.f4 Grosshans,R-Markus,R Game 6 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '**±**';

E) 8...Nc6 9.Rg3 g6 *(9...0-0* '!?' *)* 10.h4 h5 *(10...d5* '??' *11.exd6* '+-' *)*

E1) 11.Nf3 Ne7 12.Ng5 '!' Nf5 13.Rb3 Be7 14.Ne4 Na6 *(14...b6 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Nc3* '**⩱**' *)* 15.Nd6+ Nxd6 16.exd6 Bf6 17.Qf3 Bxb2 18.Rxb2 '**⩱**';

E2) 11.Nc3 '!?'

E2a) 11...Bxc3 12.Rxc3 b6 13.Ba3 *(13.Nf3 Bb7 14.Ba3* '↑' *)* 13...Nxe5 14.Bd6 Nc6 15.d4 Na6 16.Nf3 Ne7 17.Bd3 Bb7 18.0-0 '**⩱**';

E2b) 11...Ne7 12.Ne4 Nf5 13.Rgh3 b5 14.Nf3 '!' bxc4 15.Nd6+ Ke7 16.Ng5 Rf8 17.Bxc4 Richter,P-Markus,R Game 6 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '↑']

8...Nc6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Bd3 Bangiev,Alexander J: '↑'

7...Nb6 8.Ra3 '!' '!' 8...Nc6

[8...d5!? 9.Rg3

A) 9...Nc6 10.cxd5

A1) 10...Nxd5 11.Rxg7 Bf8 12.Rg3 Qb6 13.Rb3!? Qc7 14.Nf3 a5 15.Na3↑ a4 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.Ra3! Bxa3 18.Bxa3 Ra5 19.Qb1 Nde7 20.Bd6 Rxb5 21.Bxb5 Qa7 22.0-0+-;

A2) 10...Qxd5 11.Nf3 Na4 12.Ba1 0-0 13.Qc2 Nc5 14.Ng5 g6 15.Be2**⩲**

A2a) 15...a5 16.0-0 a4 17.Rh3 h5 18.Bxh5 gxh5?? *(18...Ne7 19.Nh7 Nd7 20.Bf3 Qb3 21.Qe4+-)* 19.Qh7#;

A2b) 15...Nxe5 16.0-0 h6 *(16...Nc6? 17.Nxh7! f5 18.Bc4 Nd4 19.Qa2 Qd6 20.Nxf8 Kxf8 21.Na3+-; 16...Bd7 17.d4 Ba4 18.Qb2 Ned3 19.Rxd3! Nxd3 20.Bxd3 Be7 21.Nf3 Bc6 22.Nc3±)* 17.Nh3 Ncd7 *(17...Nc6?? 18.Rxg6++-; 17...a5 18.d4 Qe4 19.Qa2±)* 18.d4**±** Nc6 19.Rxg6+ fxg6 20.Qxg6+ Kh8 21.Qxh6+ Kg8 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Bd3 Nf6 24.Nf4 Qd7 25.d5+-;

A3) 10...exd5 11.e6 d4 *(11...Bxe6 12.Bxg7⩱)* 12.exf7+ Kxf7 13.Bd3 Re8+ 14.Ne2 Kg8 15.0-0⩱;

B) 9...g6 10.h4!?

B1) 10...Nc6 11.h5 g5 12.cxd5!? Nxd5 13.h6 Qb6 14.Nh3 Be7 15.Rb3 Ndb4 16.Na3 Nd4 17.Rg3↑;

B2) 10...Nxc4 11.Bxc4 dxc4 12.h5

B2a) 12...Nc6 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.Rxg6 Be7?! *(14...Qb6!?∞)* 15.Rg3 Nb4 16.Qh5+ Kd7 17.Ba3 Nd3+ 18.Rxd3+ cxd3 19.Rh3 Kc6 20.Qf3+ Kb6 21.Qe4 Bd7 22.Rxd3 Kc7 23.Bd6+ Bxd6 24.exd6+ Kb8 25.Nf3↑;

B2b) 12...g5 13.Nc3 Nc6 14.Ne4 h6 15.Nf3 a5 16.0-0⩱;

B3) 10...h5 11.Nf3 *(11.Na3!? Nc6 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Bd3)* 11...Nxc4 12.Bxc4 dxc4 13.Ng5 Be7 14.Nc3 Nc6 15.Qb1 Bxg5 16.hxg5!? 0-0 17.Ne4↑;

C) 9...Nxc4 10.Bxc4 dxc4 11.Rxg7 *(11.Qg4!? g6 12.Qxc4⩱)*

C1) 11...Bf8 12.Rg3 Nc6 13.Nf3 b5 14.Nc3 Bb7 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Rf8 18.Ng5 Qxd6 19.Nxh7 0-0-0 20.Nxf8 Rxf8 21.0-0±;

C2) 11...Nc6 12.Qh5 Qc7 13.Nf3 Bf8 14.Rxh7 Rxh7 15.Qxh7 b5 16.Ng5!?

C2a) 16...Nxe5 17.0-0 Nd3 18.Bf6 Bb7 19.Nc3 a6 20.Qg8 b4 21.Na4 Bc6 *(21...Kd7 22.Qxf7+ Kc6 23.Qxe6+ Kb5 24.Qf5+! Kxa4 25.Ne6! Qb6 26.Nd4!+-)* 22.Nb6 Ra7 23.Nxc4+-;

C2b) 16...Qe7 17.h4 a5 18.0-0 b4 19.Rc1 Ba6 20.d3 c3 21.Nxc3! bxc3 22.Rxc3 Nxe5 23.Ba3 Qf6 24.Bxf8 Kxf8 25.Qe4↑;

C3) 11...Qd5 12.Ne2 Nd7 *(12...Nc6 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Nf4 Qa5 15.Qe2 b5 16.Nh5±)* 13.0-0 b5 *(13...Nxe5 14.Nf4 Qa5 15.Re1 Nc6 16.Qf3! Rf8 17.Nd5 Be7 18.Nxe7 Nxe7 19.Ba3 Bd7 20.Qf6+-)* 14.d4!? *(14.Nf4 Qe4! 15.Rxf7! Kxf7 16.Qh5+)*

C3a) 14...Bb7 15.Nbc3

C3a1) 15...Qc6 16.d5! exd5 17.Nd4 Qh6 18.Ncxb5 Qxg7 19.Nc7+ Ke7 *(19...Kf8 20.Nde6++-; 19...Kd8 20.Nce6+ fxe6 21.Nxe6+ Ke7 22.Nxg7 Rhg8 23.Nf5+ Kd8 24.Qa4+-)* 20.Nf5+;

C3a2) 15...Bxc3 16.Nxc3 Qc6 17.d5! exd5 18.e6 fxe6 19.Qh5+ Kd8 20.Ne2 Kc7 21.Nd4 Qb6 22.Qe5+ Kc8 23.Rxd7! Kxd7 24.Qg7+ Kd6 25.Nxb5+ Qxb5 26.Be5+ Kc5 27.Qe7+ Kb6 28.Bc7+ Ka6 29.Ra1++-;

C3b) 14...cxd3 15.Nf4 Qe4 16.Rg4!? *(16.Rxf7 Kxf7 17.Qh5+ Ke7 18.Qh4+=; 16.Nxd3 Bf8 17.Nc3 Qc6 18.Rg3⩱)* 16...Qf5 *(16...h5 17.Nxh5 Qh7 18.Rh4 Kd8 19.g3↑)* 17.Nxd3 Ba5 18.Nc3↑

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[8...Nxc4? 9.Bxc4

A) 9...Qc7 10.Qg4 0-0 *(10...g6 11.Ra1±; 10...Bxa3 11.Nxa3 0-0 12.Nf3±)* 11.Rh3+-;

B) 9...Bxa3 10.Nxa3!? *(10.Bxa3 '±' Nc6 11.Bd6±)* 10...a6 11.Qg4 0-0

12.Nf3 Nc6 13.Bd3 g6 14.h4]
[8...Qc7 9.Qg4 Bxa3 *(9...g6 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Nc3 Bxa3?! 12.Nb5 Qd8 13.Bxa3 d5 14.Nd6+ Kd7 15.Nxf7 Qe8 16.Nxh8 Qxh8 17.cxd5 Nxd5 18.Bd6±)* 10.Nxa3! *(10.Bxa3? Qxe5+; 10.Qxg7 Bxb2 11.Qxh8+ Ke7 12.Qf6+ Ke8 13.Qh8+=)* 10...0-0 *(10...g6?? 11.Nb5 Qc6 12.Nd6+ Kf8 13.Qf4+-)* 11.Nb5 Qc5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Nf3 h6 14.Qe4 g6 15.0-0!**±**]
[8...d6 9.Rg3 g6 10.exd6 0-0 11.Qh5!? *(11.Bd3!? e5 12.h4⩱; 11.h4?! Bxd6 12.Rd3 Nxc4∓)* 11...e5! *(11...Bxd6? 12.Qxh7+ Kxh7 13.Rh3+ Kg8 14.Rh8#)* 12.Qh6 Bf5 13.Nf3!? N8d7 *(13...Bxb1? 14.Ng5+-)* 14.Ng5 Nf6 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Rxd3
A) 16...Nxc4 17.Nxh7 Nxh7 *(17...Nxb2 18.Rh3 Nh5 19.Rxh5+-; 17...Ng4 18.Qxf8+ Qxf8 19.Nxf8 Nxb2 20.Rb3 Kxf8 21.Rxb2 a5 22.Nc3±)* 18.Rh3+-;
B) 16...Re8 17.0-0**±** Nxc4 18.d7 Re7 19.Nc3 Nxb2 20.Nce4+-]
[8...Bxa3 9.Bxa3
A) 9...Nxc4 10.Bxc4;
B) 9...Qg5 '?!' 10.Nf3 Qg6 11.Nc3 Nc6 *(11...a6* '?' *12.Qb3 Nc6 13.Qxb6* '+-' *)* 12.h4 h5 13.Nb5 d5 14.Nd6+ Kd7 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Bc4 Rb8 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.Qb3 Qe6 19.0-0 '**±**';
C) 9...f6 '?!' 10.Qh5+ g6 11.Qh6 Kf7 12.Bd6 Nc6 13.Nf3 Ne7 *(13...Na4 14.h4* '!?' *Nxe5 15.Nxe5+ fxe5 16.h5 Qf6 17.Rh3 e4 18.hxg6+ Qxg6 19.Qh4 Qf6 20.Qxe4)* 14.g4 '!?' f5 15.Qg5 Nc6 16.Qf4 '**±**';
D) 9...Qh4 '?!' 10.Nc3 Nc6 *(10...Qf4 11.Nf3 d6 12.d4* '!?' *dxe5 13.g3* '!' *Qg4 14.h3 Qh5 15.g4 Qh6 16.Nb5 Na6 17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.Nf5+* '+-' *)* 11.Nf3 Qf4 *(11...Qh5 12.Bd6* '**±**!' *)* 12.d4 f6 *(12...a6 13.Bc1* '!' *Qg4 14.h3 Qg6 15.Nh4* '+-' *)* 13.g3 *(13.Nb5* '**±**' *)* 13...Qh6 14.Ne4;
E) 9...Qc7 '?!' 10.Bd6 Qc6 *(10...Qd8* '?' *11.Nc3* '!?' *a6 12.Qg4 Rg8 13.Ne4* '+-' *)* 11.Na3 '!?' *(11.Qg4* '!' *)* 11...Qe4+ 12.Ne2 Nc6 13.d3 Qg4 14.h3 Qg6 15.Nb5 '**±**';
F) 9...d6 10.Bxd6 Nc6 *(10...h5 11.Nf3 Bd7 12.Be2* '⩲' *)* 11.Qg4 g6 *(11...Rg8 12.Nf3 h6 13.Nc3 Bd7 14.Bd3 Ne7 15.0-0* '**±**' *)* 12.h4 '!?' *(12.Nf3* '⩲!?' *)* 12...f6 13.h5 '!' fxe5 *(13...g5 14.h6 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 fxe5 16.Qh5+ Kd7 17.Nf3 Kc7 18.Nxg5* '**±**' *)* 14.c5 Rg8 *(14...g5 15.Nf3 Nd5 16.Bb5 Bd7 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nc3 Nxc3 19.dxc3 a5 20.h6 Rg8 21.Nxe5* '+-' *)* 15.Bd3 '!' Nd5 16.hxg6 h6 *(16...h5 17.Qxh5 Nf4 18.Qh7 Nxd3+ 19.Kf1* '+-' *)* 17.Rxh6 Qf6 18.Rh7 Qf4 19.Qh3 Bd7 20.Rf7 '+-';
G) 9...Nc6 10.Qg4
G1) 10...Ne7 '?' 11.Qxg7 Rg8 12.Qxh7 '+-';
G2) 10...Nxe5 '?' 11.Qxg7 Ng6 *(11...d6* '?' *12.Qxh8+* '+-' *)* 12.Nc3 d5 *(12...d6 13.Ne4)* 13.Nb5 '!' Nxc4 *(13...a6 14.Nd6+ Kd7 15.Nf3 Qg8 16.Qd4 Kc7 17.Qc5+ Kb8 18.Qxb6* '+-' *)* 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.Nd6+ Kd7 16.Nxf7 Qb6 17.Nxh8+ Kc6 18.Ne2 Qb1+ 19.Bc1 '+-';
G3) 10...Rg8 11.Bd6

G3a) 11...f5 '?' 12.Qh5+ g6 13.Qxh7;
G3b) 11...h6 '?!' 12.Nf3 Ne7 13.Nd4 Nf5 14.Nxf5 exf5 15.Qxf5 g6 16.Qe4 '+-';
G3c) 11...a5 12.Nf3 '!?' a4 13.Na3 Ra5 14.Bd3 g6 *(14...Na8 15.Bxh7 Ne7 16.Bxg8 Nxg8 17.Qxg7)* 15.Qf4 '!' g5 16.Qg4 h6 17.h4;
G3d) 11...Ne7 12.Bd3 Ng6 *(12...Nf5 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Qxf5 g6 15.Qf4 g5 16.Qe4 Rg7 17.Nc3* '+-' *)* 13.h4 f5 *(13...h5* '??' *14.Qxg6* '+-' *)* 14.Qh5 Rh8 *(14...Kf7 15.g4 Nxc4 16.gxf5 Nxd6 17.fxg6+ Kf8 18.gxh7 Rh8 19.exd6* '+-' *)* 15.Nc3 a6 16.g4 '+-';
G3e) 11...Na4 12.Nf3 '!'
G3e1) 12...Qa5 13.Bd3 g6 *(13...Nb2 14.Bxh7 Rf8 15.Qxg7 Ne7 16.Ng5 Nxc4 17.Ne4* '+-' *)* 14.Qf4 Nc5 15.Be2 '+-';
G3e2) 12...h6 13.Bd3 g6 *(13...g5 14.Qh5 Nb2 15.Bh7 Nxc4 16.Bxg8 Nxd6 17.exd6 Qf6 18.h4 Qf5 19.Bxf7+ Qxf7 20.Qxh6* '+-' *)* 14.Bc2 Qa5 15.0-0 b6 16.Qh4 Ba6 17.Qf6 Bxc4 18.Nd4 '+-';
G3f) 11...f6 '??' 12.Qh5+ g6 13.Qxh7 '+-';
G4) 10...g5 '!?' 11.Bd6 h5 12.Qe4 *(12.Qd1* '!?' *f6 13.d4 Kf7 14.Nc3* '⩲' *)*
G4a) 12...Na4 13.Na3 a6 14.Bd3 f5 *(14...Qa5 15.Qe3* '↑!' *)* 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Nf3 Rh6 *(16...Qa1+* '?' *17.Ke2 Qxh1 18.Qg6+* '+-'*; 16...Rg8 17.Qh7 Qf7 18.Qh6* '↑!' *)* 17.Bc2 '!?' e5 18.c5 Nxc5 19.Bxc5 d5 *(19...d6* '?' *20.Be3* '+-' *)* 20.Qe3 Bg4 21.Qxg5 Kf7 *(21...Bxf3* '?' *22.Qg8+ Kd7 23.Qxa8 Kc7 24.Qg8* '±' *)* 22.h4 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Rg8 24.Qe3 Nd4 25.Bxd4 exd4 26.Qb3 Qd6 27.Kd1 Re6 28.Bf5 Re5 29.Bh7 Rg7 30.Bd3 '±';
G4b) 12...f5 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Nc3 Qf5 *(14...Rh6 15.Nf3 Na4 16.Nb5 Kf7 17.h4 Qf5 18.Nxg5+ Kg8 19.Nc7 Qxe4+ 20.Nxe4 Rb8 21.Rh3 Rg6 22.Rf3* '+-' *)* 15.Qe3 Qa5 *(15...Ne7* '?' *16.Bd3 Qf7 17.Nf3 Nf5 18.Bxf5 Qxf5 19.Qd4 Rg8 20.0-0* '+-' *)* 16.Bd3 Qa1+ 17.Ke2 Rg8 18.Nb5 '!' Kd8 19.Nh3 '!' Qg7 *(19...Qxh1* '??' *20.Qf3* '+-' *)* 20.f4 g4 21.Ng5 '+-';
G5) 10...g6 11.Bd6
G5a) 11...Nxc4 '?' 12.Bxc4 '+-';
G5b) 11...a5 '?!' 12.Na3
G5b1) 12...Ne7 '?' 13.Nb5 Kf8 *(13...f5 14.exf6 Nf5 15.Qf4 Qxf6 16.Be5 Qf8 17.g4 Ne7 18.Nc7+ Kd8 19.Qd4 Nc6 20.Qxb6* '+-' *)* 14.Bc7 Qe8 15.Nd6 '+-';
G5b2) 12...Nb4
G5b21) 13.Nb5 f5 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nf3 h5 16.Qg5 '±!?' *(16.Qe4* '±' *)*;
G5b22) 13.Nf3 '!?' 13...Ra6 *(13...f5 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Be5 Qf8 16.Qd4* '+-' *)* 14.Nb5 Na8 15.Ng5 f5 16.Qg3 Nc6 17.h4 '!?' *(17.Nxh7 Kf7 18.Ng5+ Kg7 19.Be2* '±' *)* 17...h5 18.Be2 Ne7 19.Nh3 Rg8 20.Nf4 Kf7 21.Qg5 '+-';

G5b3) 12...h5 13.Qf4
G5b31) 13...Na7 14.Nf3 h4 15.Ng5 Rf8 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qxf7#;
G5b32) 13...f5 14.exf6 Kf7 15.Bc7 *(15.Qe3 Qxf6 16.Qxb6 Qa1+ 17.Qb1 Qxb1+ 18.Nxb1* '±' *)* 15...Qxf6 16.Qxf6+ Kxf6 17.Bxb6 '±';
G5b33) 13...g5 14.Qe3 Ne7 *(14...Ra6 15.Nf3 g4 16.Ng5 f5 17.Nb5 Na8 18.h3)* 15.Bd3 *(15.Nb5 Nf5 16.Qc5 Nxd6 17.Nxd6+ Kf8 18.Nxc8+ d6 19.Nxd6 a4 20.Qa3* '±' *)* 15...Rg8 16.Nb5 '+-';
G5c) 11...f5 12.Qd1 '!?' *(12.exf6 Qxf6 13.Nc3 Nd8* '!' *14.Nb5 Nf7 15.Nc7+ Kd8 16.Bg3 h5 17.Qf3 Qa1+ 18.Ke2 h4 19.Nxa8 hxg3 20.Qxf7 Qe5+ 21.Kd1 Qa1+ 22.Ke2 Qe5+* '=' *)* 12...Qh4 *(12...Kf7 13.Nf3 Kg7 14.Nc3 a5 15.h4* '!?' *a4 16.Nb5 a3 17.Nxa3 Na4 18.Be2* '!' *h6 19.Nb5 Qa5 20.0-0* '↑' *)* 13.Nf3 Qe4+ 14.Be2 Nd4 *(14...Nxc4* '?!' *15.Nc3 Qg4 16.h3 Qxg2 17.Rh2 Qxh2 18.Nxh2 Nxd6 19.exd6* '±' *0-0 20.Nb5 a5 21.Nc7 Ra7 22.Qa4 b6 23.Nf3 Bb7 24.Qh4 Nb4 25.Ng5 h5 26.Bxh5* '+-' *)* 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Na3 a6 17.Qb3 Kf7 18.0-0 '!' Qxd2 19.Bf3 Qa5 20.c5 '!' *(20.Bc7 Rf8 21.Bxb6 Qxe5 22.c5* '±' *)* 20...Na4 21.Nc4 Nxc5 22.Qe3 Qb5 23.Qg5 Qxc4 24.Qe7+ Kg8 25.Qf8#;
G5d) 11...f6 12.Nf3
G5d1) 12...Kf7 13.h4 '!?' *(13.Nc3)* 13...f5 14.Qf4 h6 15.Nc3 '±' Ne7 16.g4 a5 17.gxf5 Nxf5 18.Rg1 Rg8 19.c5 Nd5 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bd3 '+-';
G5d2) 12...fxe5 13.Nc3 '!'
G5d21) 13...a6 '?' 14.Ne4 Na4 *(14...Ne7 15.Qg5* '+-' *)* 15.Nfg5 h6 *(15...b5 16.Qf3* '+-' *)* 16.Ba3 '!' hxg5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Nxb7+ Qe7 19.Bxe7+ Nxe7 20.Nd6 '+-';
G5d22) 13...Qf6 14.Ne4
G5d221) 14...Qf5 '?' 15.Qh4 h6 16.Nxe5 '!' g5 *(16...Qxe5 17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Nd6+ Kf8 19.Qf6+* '+-' *)* 17.Qh5+ Kd8 18.Nf7+ Ke8 19.Nxh8+ Kd8 20.Nf7+ Ke8 21.Nxh6+ '+-';
G5d222) 14...Qf4 15.Nfg5 '!' Ne7 *(15...Qxg4 16.Nf6+ Kd8 17.Nf7#; 15...Rf8 16.Qh3 h5 17.Qd3 Rf5 18.g3 Qxg5 19.Nxg5 Rxg5 20.Bh3* '+-' *)* 16.Qh3 h6 17.Bc5 Kd8 18.Nd6 Kc7 19.Ngf7 Rf8 20.Nb5+ Kc6 21.Qa3 Rxf7 22.Be3 '+-';
G5d223) 14...Qg7 15.Qg3 Rf8 16.Nxe5 Rf5 17.f4 Qh6 18.Ba3 Kd8 *(18...Rxf4* '??' *19.Nd6+* '+-'*; 18...Qxf4 19.Nd6+ Kd8 20.Nxc6+ bxc6 21.Nxf5* '±'*; 18...Nxe5 19.Nd6+ Kd8 20.Nxf5)* 19.Nd6 Nxe5 20.Nxf5 exf5 21.fxe5 '±';
G5e) 11...Na4 12.Na3 '!?' a6 13.Nf3
G5e1) 13...b6 14.Qf4 h6 15.h4 Bb7 16.Nc2 Nc5 17.d4 Nb3 18.Bd3 Na7 19.Rh3 b5 20.Bb4
G5e11) 20...a5 21.Bxg6 '!' fxg6 22.Ng5 '!' hxg5 *(22...Qxg5 23.hxg5 axb4 24.Qf6 Rf8 25.Qxg6+ Kd8 26.Rxb3* '+-' *)* 23.hxg5 '+-';

G5e12) 20...Nc8 21.Bxg6 '!' fxg6 22.Ng5 Qb6 23.Qf6 Rg8 24.Qf7+ Kd8 25.Rxb3 '+-';

G5e2) 13...f5 14.Qf4 h6 15.Be2 g5 *(15...Kf7 16.h4 b6 17.g4 Nc5 18.Rg1 Ne4 19.gxf5 gxf5 20.c5* '!' *bxc5 21.Nc4 Ne7 22.Bxe7* '!' *Kxe7 23.d3* '±' *)* 16.Nd4

G5e21) 16...Qb6 17.Nxc6 dxc6 18.Qf3 g4 *(18...Kd8 19.0-0* '↑' *)* 19.Qg3 Rh7 20.h3;

G5e22) 16...Kf7 17.Qe3 Qb6 18.c5 *(18.Nxf5 Qxe3 19.Nxe3 b6* '∞' *)* 18...Qb2 19.Nxc6 Qa1+ 20.Bd1 Nb2 21.0-0 Nxd1 22.Qf3 dxc6 *(22...bxc6 23.Qh5+ Kg7 24.Nc2* '!?' *Qb2 25.Be7)* 23.Rxd1 g4 24.Qb3 Qd4 25.Nc4 '⩲';

G5f) 11...Ne7 12.Nc3

G5f1) 12...h5 13.Qf4 Nf5 *(13...0-0 14.Bd3 a5 15.Ne4 Nf5 16.Nf6+ Kg7 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Ne2 a4 19.Ng3 Rh8 20.Nxf5+ gxf5 21.Qg5#)* 14.Nb5 f6 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Be5 '+-';

G5f2) 12...Nf5 13.Ne4

G5f21) 13...Nxd6 14.Nxd6+ Kf8 15.Qf4 Qe7 *(15...Kg7 16.Qxf7+ Kh6 17.h4 Qf8 18.Qf6* '!' *Qxf6 19.exf6 Rf8 20.g4 g5 21.Nf3* '+-' *)* 16.h4 h5 *(16...Kg7 17.h5 g5 18.h6+ Kf8 19.Qd4 Rb8 20.Nf3 g4 21.Qxg4 Rg8 22.Qf4* '+-'*; 16...h6 17.Rh3 Kg8 18.Bd3 Na4 19.Rg3 Rh7 20.h5)* 17.Rh3 a5 *(17...f5 18.exf6* '+-' *)* 18.Rf3 Rh7 19.Nh3 Rg7 20.Qh6 Kg8 21.Ng5 a4 22.Ngxf7 *(22.Nde4* '+-' *)* 22...Rxf7 23.Rxf7 Qxf7 24.Nxf7 Kxf7 25.Bd3 '+-';

G5f22) 13...Qh4 14.Qf3 Nd4 *(14...f6 15.g3 Qh6 16.exf6* '+-' *)* 15.Qd3 Nf5 16.Nf3 Qh6 *(16...Qf4 17.Nfg5* '+-' *)* 17.Nfg5 Nxd6 18.Nxd6+ Kf8 19.Ngxf7 Qg7 20.Qf3 Ke7 21.Qa3 '+-';

G5f3) 12...a6 '?!' 13.Ne4 Na4 *(13...Ng8 14.Qf4 Na4 15.Nf3 h6 16.Ba3* '!' *d5 17.Nd6+ Kd7 18.cxd5* '+-' *)* 14.Qf4 h6 15.Nf3 '!' g5 *(15...b5 16.Ba3* '+-' *)* 16.Qf6 Rh7 *(16...Ng6 17.Qg7* '+-' *)* 17.Nfxg5 '!' hxg5 18.Nxg5 Ng8 19.Nxh7 Nxf6 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.exf6 b5 22.h4 b4 23.Rh3 '+-';

G5f4) 12...0-0 13.Bd3

G5f41) 13...f6 14.Nf3 *(14.h4* '!?' *)* 14...f5 15.Qh4 Nc6 16.Ng5 h5 17.g4 '!' Nd4 18.gxh5 Qxg5 19.Qxd4 '!' Qxh5 20.c5 '+-';

G5f42) 13...Nf5 14.Bxf5 '!' exf5 15.Qd4 Re8 *(15...a5 16.c5 Ra6 17.Nge2 Na8 18.Nd5 Re8 19.0-0; 15...f6 16.Nf3 fxe5 17.Nxe5 Re8 18.c5 Re6 19.0-0* '+-' *)* 16.c5 Qg5 17.g3 f6 18.cxb6 '+-';

G5f43) 13...Re8

G5f431) 14.Ne4 Nf5 15.Nf6+ Kg7 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Qh4 Rh8 18.Nh5+ gxh5 *(18...Kh6 19.Be7* '+-' *)* 19.Qg3+ Kh6 20.e6 '!';

G5f432) 14.h4 '!?'

G5f4321) 14...Nf5 15.h5 Nxd6 *(15...g5 16.Ne4 h6 17.Nf6+ Kh8 18.Qe4 a5 19.Nf3 a4 20.Nd4)* 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.Rxh7;

G5f4322) 14...h5 15.Qf4 Nf5 *(15...Nxc4* '!?' *16.Qxc4 b5 17.Qxb5 a5 18.Qa4* '**±**' *)* 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.c5 a5 18.Nf3 '+-';

G5f44) 13...f5

G5f441) 14.Qf4 a5 '!?' 15.Nf3 *(15.Nb5 a4 16.Bc7* '?' *Ned5* '!' *)* 15...a4 16.0-0 Rf7 '**⩲**';

G5f442) 14.Qh4

G5f4421) 14...a5 '??' 15.Bxe7 '+-';

G5f4422) 14...Nc6 15.Qh6 Rf7 16.h4 '!'

G5f44221) 16...Na5 '!?' 17.h5 '!' g5 18.Nf3 Nbxc4 19.Nxg5 Nxd6 *(19...Rg7 20.Nce4 fxe4 21.Nxe4 Nxd6 22.exd6)* 20.exd6 Rg7 21.Nce4 fxe4 22.Nxe4 '+-' Nc4 23.Bxc4 b6 24.Nf6+ Kh8 25.Bd3 Ba6 26.Bxh7 Qxf6 27.Qxf6 Kxh7 28.h6 '+-';

G5f44222) 16...Rg7 17.h5 g5 *(17...gxh5* '?!' *18.Rxh5)* 18.g4 Nd4 *(18...Nxc4 19.Bxc4 fxg4 20.Bd3 Ne7 21.Ne4 Nf5 22.Nf6+ Kh8 23.Bxf5 exf5 24.Ne2)* 19.Nce2 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 b5 21.Bd3 Qa5 22.Nxd4 Qa1+ 23.Ke2 Qxd4 24.gxf5 '!' Qg4+ 25.f3 Qg2+ 26.Ke1 exf5 *(26...Qxh1 27.f6* '+-' *)* 27.e6 '!' dxe6 28.Qf6 Rf7 29.Qd8+ Kg7 30.Bxf5 exf5 *(30...Rxf5 31.h6+* '+-' *)* 31.Be5+ '+-';

G5f4423) 14...Rf7 15.Nf3

G5f44231) 15...Nc6 16.Ng5

G5f442311) 16...a5 17.Qh6 Rg7 18.h4 a4 19.h5 '+-' '+-' a3 *(19...Qe8 20.Nce4 fxe4 21.Nxe4 Kh8 22.Nf6 Qf7 23.hxg6* '+-' *)* 20.hxg6 '+-';

G5f442312) 16...h5 17.0-0 a5 18.Qf4 Rg7 19.Nce4 '!' fxe4 20.Nxe4 Rf7 *(20...Ne7 21.Nf6+ Kf7 22.Bc7 Qh8 23.Nxd7+)* 21.Qh6 Rg7 22.Nf6+ Kf7 23.Qf4 Ne7 24.Bc7 Qh8 25.Nxd7+ Nf5 26.Nxb6 g5 27.Qe4 Ra6 28.c5 '+-';

G5f442313) 16...Rg7 17.Qh6 '!?';

G5f44232) 15...Rg7 16.Qh6

G5f442321) 16...Nc6 17.Ng5 Na5 *(17...a5 18.h4 a4 19.h5)* 18.c5 '!?' Nbc4 19.h4 Nxd6 20.cxd6 Nc6 21.f4 Qe8 22.Nce4 '!';

G5f442322) 16...a5 17.Nb5 '!?' *(17.h4; 17.0-0)* 17...Ra6 18.Nc7

G5f4423221) 18...Nc6 19.Qe3 Na4 20.Nxa6 bxa6 21.c5 '**±**';

G5f4423222) 18...Nxc4 19.Nxa6 *(19.Bxc4* '?' *Rc6 20.d3 Rxc7* '↑' *)* 19...Nb2 *(19...Nxd6 20.exd6 Nd5 21.Nc7 Nxc7 22.dxc7 Qxc7 23.0-0* '**±**' *)* 20.Be2 bxa6 21.Qh4 g5 22.Qd4 g4 23.Qxb2 gxf3 24.Bxf3 a4 25.0-0 Nc6 26.d4 '**±**';

G5f4423223) 18...a4 19.Qe3 *(19.Nxa6 bxa6 20.0-0 Bb7 21.Ng5* '↑' *)* 19...Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Rc6 21.Qc3 '!' b5 22.Nxb5 Nd5 23.Qd4 '!' Ba6 24.0-0 Qb6 25.d3 Bxb5 26.Bxd5 exd5 *(26...Qxd4 27.Nxd4 exd5 28.Nxb5 Kf7 29.Ra1 Rg8 30.g4 Ra8 31.gxf5 gxf5 32.Kg2* '**±**' *)* 27.Qxd5+ Kh8 28.Bf8 Rg8 29.e6 '!?' Rxf8 *(29...Rxe6 30.Bc5 Qc6 31.Bd4+ Rg7 32.Qa2 Ree7 33.Rb1* '**±**' *)* 30.e7 Rfc8 *(30...Re8 31.Qf7 Rcc8 32.Ng5)* 31.Qe5+ Rf6 32.e8Q+ Rxe8 33.Qxe8+ Kg7 34.Qe7+ Kh6 35.Rb1 Qd6 *(35...Qc6 36.Nd4* '+-' *)* 36.Qxd6 Rxd6 37.Rxb5 Rxd3 38.Kf1 '+-';

G5g) 11...h5 12.Qf4

G5g1) 12...Ne7 '?' 13.Nc3;

G5g2) 12...a5 '?' 13.Nf3 Ne7 *(13...a4 14.Ng5 Nxe5 15.Ne4 f5 16.Qxe5* '+-' *)* 14.Qf6 Rf8 15.Nc3 Nf5 *(15...Ra6 16.Nb5* '+-' *)* 16.Qxd8+ Kxd8 17.Bxf8 '+-';

G5g3) 12...g5 '!' 13.Qe3

G5g31) 13...f6 14.Bd3 Kf7 *(14...Rg8* '?' *15.Qh3 h4 16.Qg4* '+-' *)* 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Nf3 Rg8 17.Nc3 g4 18.Ne4 Qa1+ 19.Ke2 Qxh1 *(19...gxf3+ 20.Qxf3+ Kg7 21.Bf8+* '!' *Rxf8 22.Qg3+ Kh8 23.Rxa1* '+-' *)* 20.Qf4+ Ke8 21.Nf6+ Kd8 22.Bc7+ Ke7 23.Nxg8+ Ke8 24.Bg6#;

G5g32) 13...f5 14.Nc3

G5g321) 14...Na5 15.d3 Kf7 16.Nf3 g4 17.Ng5+ Kg6 18.h4 Nc6 19.Nb5 Nxc4 *(19...Rg8 20.f3)* 20.dxc4 Qa5+ 21.Nc3 Qa1+ 22.Kd2 Qb2+ 23.Kd1 Nb4 24.Nxe6 Qc2+ 25.Ke1 '+-';

G5g322) 14...Kf7 15.Nf3 g4 16.Ng5+ Kg6 17.h4 a5 18.Nb5 '**±**';

G5g33) 13...Rg8 14.Nc3 a6 *(14...f6 15.Be2 g4 16.Qh6 Kf7 17.Qxh5+ Rg6 18.Nh3* '+-!' *)* 15.Ne4 '+-';

G5g34) 13...Na4 14.Na3

G5g341) 14...Qb6 '?' 15.Qxg5 Qb2 16.Nf3 Rf8 *(16...Qc1+ 17.Ke2* '+-' *)* 17.Bd3 Qc1+ 18.Ke2 Qxh1 19.Nb5 f6 20.Qg6+ Kd8 21.Bc7+ Ke7 22.Qg7+ Rf7 23.exf6+ Ke8 24.Nd6#;

G5g342) 14...a6 15.Nf3

G5g3421) 15...g4 '!?' 16.Ng5 f5 17.exf6 Qxf6 18.Bd3 b6 *(18...Qa1+ 19.Ke2 Qf6 20.Rb1* '↑' *)* 19.Ne4 Qa1+ 20.Bb1 *(20.Ke2* '??' *Nd4+* '-+' *)* 20...Qg7 21.0-0 '↑';

G5g3422) 15...Rg8 16.h4 g4 17.Qh6 '!' gxf3 18.Rh3 '!'

G5g34221) 18...fxg2 19.Rg3 g1Q *(19...gxf1Q+ 20.Kxf1* '+-' *)* 20.Rxg1 '+-';

G5g34222) 18...Ne7 19.Rxf3 b5 *(19...Nc5 20.Qh7 Rf8 21.Be2 Nf5 22.Rxf5 exf5 23.Bxh5* '+-' *)* 20.Qh7 Rf8 21.Rxf7

'!' Rxf7 22.Qh8+ Rf8 23.Qxh5+ Rf7 24.Be2 bxc4 25.Qh8+ Rf8 26.Bh5+ Ng6 27.Bxg6#;

H) 9...d5 10.Nc3 '!?'

H1) 10...d4 '?' 11.Ne4 Kd7 *(11...Qh4 12.Nd6+ Kd7 13.Bd3* '±' *)* 12.Qg4 *(12.Nf3 Nc6 13.Qa1* '±' *)* 12...Rg8 13.Nf3 Nc6 14.Bd3 '±';

H2) 10...dxc4 11.Qg4

H2a) 11...g6 12.Ne4 h5 *(12...Qc7 13.Nf6+ Kd8 14.Bd6 Qc6 15.Qh4* '+-' *)* 13.Qd1 Qd4 *(13...f5 14.exf6 Nc6 15.Qf3)* 14.Qb1 c3 *(14...Qxe5* '?' *15.Bb2* '+-' *)* 15.Nf3 cxd2+ 16.Nfxd2 '±';

H2b) 11...g5 12.Ne4 h5 13.Qd1 Qd4 14.Nd6+ *(14.Qb1 g4* '∞' *)* 14...Kd7 15.Nf3 Qd5 16.Qb1 '±';

H2c) 11...Kd7 12.Qxg7 Qg8 13.Qf6 Nc6 *(13...Qg6* '??' *14.Qe7+ Kc6 15.Qd6#)* 14.Be2 '±' Qxg2 '??' 15.Qxf7+ Kd8 16.Qf6+ Kd7 17.Qxh8 Qxh1 18.Qg7+ Kd8 19.Qf8+ Kd7 20.Qd6+ Ke8 21.Bh5#;

H3) 10...Bd7 '!?' 11.Qg4 g6 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Qf4 h6 *(13...g5 14.Qe3 Nc6 15.Nf3 Be6 16.Nb5 Nc8 17.Nxg5 a6 18.Nd6+ Nxd6 19.Bxd6* '⩲' *)* 14.Nb5 Bxb5 15.Bxb5+ N8d7 16.Qd4 Rg8 17.Nf3 Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.0-0 '⩲';

H4) 10...Nxc4 11.Bxc4 dxc4 12.Qg4 *(12.Ne4 Qd3* '!' *)*

H4a) 12...Kd7 13.Nf3 *(13.Qxg7 Qg8 14.Qf6 Nc6* '∞' *)* 13...Nc6 14.0-0 a6 15.Rd1

H4a1) 15...Kc7 16.Bd6+ Kd7 *(16...Kb6 17.Qxc4* '+-' *)* 17.d4 '+-!';

H4a2) 15...Qa5 16.Bd6 Ne7 17.Qxg7 Qd8 18.Ne4 Nf5 19.Qxf7+ Kc6 20.d4;

H4b) 12...g5 13.Qxc4 Bd7 '!' 14.Ne4 Qa5 15.Qd3

H4b1) 15...Qxe5 16.Nf3 Qa1+ 17.Ke2 Qxh1 18.Nf6+ Kd8 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 *(19...Kc8 20.Nde5 f6 21.Qc4+ Kd8 22.Nf7+ Kd7 23.Qb5+ Kc8 24.Nd6+ Kc7 25.Qxb7+ Kd8 26.Nf7+ Ke8 27.Qe7#)* 20.Ne5 '+-';

H4b2) 15...Kd8 16.Ne2 Qxe5 17.0-0 '!' Qd5 18.Qc3 e5 19.Qf3 f5 20.Rc1 '!';

H4c) 12...g6 13.Qxc4 Nc6 14.Nb5

H4c1) 14...a6 15.Nd6+ Kd7 16.Nxf7 Qa5 17.Qd3+ Qd5 18.Qxd5+ exd5 19.Nxh8 Ke6 *(19...Nxe5 20.Ke2 Kc6 21.Bb2 Nc4 22.Bd4* '±' *)* 20.Nf3 Bd7 21.Ng5+ Kxe5 22.Nhf7+ '±';

H4c2) 14...Qg5 15.Ne2 Qxg2 16.Rg1 Qxh2 17.Qd3 Bd7 18.Nd6+ Kf8 19.Nxf7+ Ke8 20.Nd6+ Kd8 21.Nxb7+ Kc7 22.Qa6;

H4c3) 14...Nxe5 15.Qc3 f6 16.Nd6+ Kd7 17.Nf3 Nc6 *(17...Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qa5 19.0-0 b5 20.Rc1* '+-' *)* 18.Nf7 Qa5 19.Nxh8 '!' *(19.Qd3+* '?!' *Qd5 20.Qxd5+ exd5 21.Nxh8 Ke8 22.0-0 Be6 23.Rb1 b6 24.Bb2 Ke7 25.Rc1 Rc8* '∞' *)* 19...Qxc3 20.dxc3 b5 *(20...Ke8* '?!' *21.Nd2 f5 22.Nc4 e5 23.Nd6+ Kd7 24.0-0* '±' *)* 21.Nf7 a5 22.Nd6 b4 23.Nxc8 Rxc8 24.cxb4 axb4 25.Bb2 e5 26.Ke2 '⩱';

H4c4) 14...f6 15.Nd6+ Kd7 16.Nf3 fxe5 17.Qd3 '!' Kc7 18.Nb5+ Kb6 19.Bd6 e4 20.Qb3 Na5 21.Qb4 Ka6 22.Nc7+ '+-';

H4d) 12...Rg8 13.Qxc4

H4d1) 13...Bd7 14.Ne4 *(14.Qd3* '!?' *Bc6 15.Qxh7* '⩱' *)* 14...Bc6 15.Nd6+ '⩱';

H4d2) 13...Nc6

H4d21) 14.Nb5 Nxe5 15.Nc7+ '?!' *(15.Qc3* '↑!' *)* 15...Kd7 16.Qd4+ Kxc7 17.Qxe5+ Kc6 18.Qc5+ Kd7 19.Qb5+ Kc7 20.Qe5+ '=';

H4d22) 14.Nf3 '!' 14...a6 15.0-0 Qa5 16.Bd6 Bd7 17.Qh4 h6 18.Ne4 Qd8 *(18...Rc8 19.Bc5)* 19.Qh5 Ne7 20.Bc5 Nf5 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.Nd6+ Ke7 23.Qxf7#;

H5) 10...Nc6 11.Qg4 *(11.Nb5* '!?' *Nxc4 12.Bxc4 dxc4 13.Bd6* '!?' *Qa5 14.Nc7+ Kd7 15.Nf3* '⩱' *)*

H5a) 11...Nxe5 '?' 12.Qxg7 Ng6 13.Nb5 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.Nd6+ Kd7 16.Nxf7 Qg8 17.Qd4+ Ke8 18.Nd6+ Kd7 19.Ne4+ Kc6 20.Qd6+ Kb5 21.Nc3+ Ka5 22.Bb4#;

H5b) 11...Kd7 12.Nf3 '!' *(12.c5 d4* '⇄' *13.Nb5 Nd5)* 12...Nxc4 13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.Qxc4 a6 *(14...Ne7 15.Qb5+ Nc6 16.0-0)* 15.0-0 b5 16.Qf4 Ne7 17.Ne4;

H5c) 11...g5 '!?' 12.Nb5 Nxe5 *(12...h5 13.Qf3 g4 14.Qf4* '⩱' *)* 13.Qd4 f6 14.Nd6+ Kd7 15.c5 *(15.cxd5 exd5 16.Nf3 Re8 17.Bb5+ Nc6+ 18.Nxe8 Qxe8+ 19.Kd1 Qe4 20.Qc5 Qb1+ 21.Ke2 Qe4+* '='*; 15.Nf3* '!?' *)* 15...Nc6 16.Bb5 '⩱';

H5d) 11...g6 12.Nb5

H5d1) 12...Ne7 '?' 13.Nd6+ Kd7 *(13...Kf8 14.Qf4 f5 15.exf6* '+-' *)* 14.Nxf7 Qf8 15.Nxh8 Qxh8 16.Nf3;

H5d2) 12...Nxe5 13.Qd4 f6 *(13...Qf6* '?!' *14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Nxa8 Nxa8 16.Bb2 Re8 17.Qxe5 Qxe5+ 18.Bxe5 dxc4 19.Bxc4* '±' *)* 14.Nd6+ Kd7 15.c5 Nc6 16.Bb5 '⩱';

H5d3) 12...f5 13.Qf4 *(13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Nc7+ Kf7 15.Nxa8 Qa1+ 16.Qd1 Qxa3 17.Nxb6 axb6* '∞' *)*

H5d31) 13...Kf7 14.Nf3 *(14.Qh6 Nxc4 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Nf3 Ne7 17.Bd6 Nd5 18.h4)* 14...h6 15.h4 dxc4 16.g4 Ne7 17.h5 g5 18.Nxg5+ '!' hxg5 19.Qxg5 Ke8 20.h6 Kd7 21.h7;

H5d32) 13...Nxc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.Nd6+ *(15.Bd6* '?!' *Kf7)* 15...Kd7 16.Qxc4 '⩱' Nxe5 '?' 17.Qd4 Nc6 18.Qg7+ Qe7 *(18...Ne7 19.Nf7 Qf8 20.Qd4+* '+-' *)* 19.Qxh8 '+-';

H5d33) 13...g5 14.Qf3

H5d331) 14...g4 15.Qf4 h5 16.h3 Kf7 17.hxg4 hxg4 18.Rh6 Kg7 19.Rf6;

H5d332) 14...dxc4 15.Qh5+ Kd7 16.Nf3 '!?' h6 '?' *(16...Qg8 17.Nxg5* '⩱' *)* 17.Qf7+ Ne7 18.Nfd4 '+-';

H5d333) 14...Kf7 15.Qh5+ Kg7 16.Nd6 '!?' Nxe5 *(16...Rf8*

17.g4 '↑' *)* 17.Nf3 Qf6 *(17...Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Qf6 19.Rg1* '+-' *)* 18.Bb2 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 e5 *(19...Qxb2 20.Qxg5+ Kf8 21.Qd8+ Kg7 22.Rg1+ Kh6 23.Qh4#)* 20.Rg1 h6 21.f4 Qxd6 22.Bxe5+ Qxe5+ 23.fxe5 '+-';

H6) 10...a6 11.Qg4

H6a) 11...Rg8 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.Bd6 g6 *(13...h6 14.c5 Nd7 15.Bd3 g6 16.0-0 b5 17.Qh3 h5 18.Ne2 b4 19.Ra1 Ra7 20.Qg3* '⩲' *)* 14.c5 Nd7 15.Bd3 '!?'

H6a1) 15...h5 16.Qa4 Qa5 17.Qf4 Nxc5 18.Bb1 Bd7 19.Qf6 '↑' Ne4 *(19...Qd8 20.Bxc5 Qxf6 21.exf6 Rc8 22.Bb6* '±' *)* 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Ng5 '+-';

H6a2) 15...Qa5 16.0-0 Nxc5 17.Bc2 Bd7 18.Qh4 h6 19.Qf6 '↑';

H6b) 11...g5 12.Qh5

H6b1) 12...Nxc4 13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.Nf3;

H6b2) 12...Nc6 13.Bd6 '!?' Na5 14.c5 Nbc4 15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Nf3 Nxd6 17.cxd6 '↑' Rg8 *(17...h6 18.h4 gxh4 19.Rxh4 b5 20.Ne2 Qa5 21.Ned4 Qa2 22.Rf4 Ra7 23.Ke2* '±' *)* 18.Qxh7 Kf8 19.h4;

H6b3) 12...h6 13.Nf3 Nc6 14.h4 Nxc4 15.Bxc4 Qa5 *(15...dxc4* '?' *16.Bd6* '!' *Ne7 17.Ne4 Nd5 18.Nfxg5 Kd7 19.Nxf7 Qe8 20.Nf6+ Nxf6 21.exf6* '+-' *)* 16.Bd6 Qa1+ 17.Nd1 '!' dxc4 18.hxg5 Bd7 19.g6 0-0-0 20.gxf7 Qb1 21.Rh4;

H6c) 11...g6 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.Be2

H6c1) 13...Ne7 '!?' 14.0-0

H6c11) 14...0-0 '?!' 15.Qh4 Nf5 16.Qf4

H6c111) 16...h6 17.d3 '!?' *(17.h4* '!?' *Nxc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Ne4)*;

H6c112) 16...dxc4 17.g4 Nh4 18.Ne4 Nd5 19.Qh6 Nxf3+ 20.Bxf3 f6 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Ng5 Qc7 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.Re1 Be6 25.h3;

H6c12) 14...Nf5 15.Qf4 h6 16.d3 g5 17.Qg4 '⩲';

H6c13) 14...Nxc4 '?!' 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Ne4;

H6c2) 13...Nxc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Ne7 16.Qf4 '!'

H6c21) 16...Nd5 '?' 17.Nxd5 exd5 *(17...Qxd5* '?' *18.Ng5* '+-' *)* 18.e6 fxe6 19.0-0 Qd7 20.Rc1 '+-';

H6c22) 16...Nf5 17.g4 '!' b5 *(17...Qa5 18.Bb4 Qa1+ 19.Ke2 Qxh1 20.gxf5 a5 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.Bd6* '+-' *)* 18.gxf5 exf5 19.Bd6 '±';

H6c23) 16...h6 17.Ne4 Nd5 18.Qg4 Qa5 *(18...h5* '?!' *19.Qg3 h4 20.Qh3 Qa5 21.Nfg5 b5 22.Qf3 b4 23.Qxf7+ Kd8 24.0-0* '!' *Qxa3 25.Nxe6+ Bxe6 26.Qxe6 Ne7 27.Qf6 Rg8 28.d4* '!' *b3 29.d5 Rb8 30.d6 Rb7 31.Qe6* '+-' *)* 19.Nd6+ Kd7 20.Nc4 Qb5 21.0-0 Verot,M-Markus,R Game 5 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '⩱' Chapter 16-Game 2 Game 2]

[8...0-0]
9.Rg3 g6
[9...0-0 10.Qh5↑
A) 10...Qc7? 11.Qh6 g6 12.Rh3 Rd8 13.Qxh7+ Kf8 14.Qh8+ Ke7 15.Qf6+ Ke8 16.Rh8+ Bf8 17.Qg7 Ke7 18.Ba3+ d6 19.exd6++-;
B) 10...g6?! 11.Qh6 f5 *(11...Nxc4 12.Rh3 Re8 13.Qxh7+ Kf8 14.Qh8+ Ke7 15.Qf6+ Kf8 16.Rh8#; 11...Re8 12.Rh3 Ne7 13.Qxh7+ Kf8 14.Qh6+ Kg8 15.Qh8#)* 12.exf6 Rxf6 *(12...Rf7 13.Bd3)* 13.Rh3! e5 *(13...Rf7 14.Qxg6+ Kf8 15.Rxh7 Rxh7 16.Qxh7±)* 14.Qxh7+ Kf8 15.Nf3 d6 16.Qh8+ Ke7 17.Rh7+ Rf7 18.Rxf7+ Kxf7 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Qh6+ Ke7 *(20...Kf7 21.Ng5+)* 21.Qg7+ Ke8 22.Qxg6+ Kd7 23.h4±;
C) 10...Ne7 11.Bd3
C1) 11...h6 12.Qxh6 Ng6 13.Qh5 Qh4 *(13...Be7?? 14.Rxg6 fxg6 15.Bxg6+-)* 14.Bxg6 Qxh5 15.Bxh5 Nxc4 16.Ba1+-;
C2) 11...Ng6 12.Nf3
C2a) 12...Na4 13.Ng5 h6 14.Nxf7 Rxf7 15.Bxg6 Rf4 16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Nxa3 b6 18.Bc2 Bb7 19.Qxh6+-;
C2b) 12...Be7 13.h4 Nxc4 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nxf7 Rxf7 16.Qxg6;
C2c) 12...Qe8 13.Ng5 h6 14.Ne4 a5 *(14...Kh7 15.Ba3! Bxa3 16.Nxa3 d5 17.Nd6 Qd7 18.Nxf7 Rxf7 19.Qxg6+ Kg8 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.Bg6+-)* 15.Nf6+ gxf6 16.exf6 Kh7 17.Rh3+-;
C2d) 12...h6 13.Nc3 d5 14.exd6 Nd7 *(14...Qxd6 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Rxg6+- Nxc4 17.Rxh6! gxh6 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.Qxh6+ Kg8 20.Qg6+ Kh8 21.Ne4+ Nxb2 22.Nxd6 Bxd6 23.Ng5+-)* 15.Rxg6 fxg6 16.Qxg6 Rf6 *(16...Nf6 17.Ne4+-)* 17.Qh7+ Kf7 18.Ne4 Qg8 19.Nxf6 Qxh7 20.Nxh7+-;
C3) 11...g6 12.Qh6 f5 *(12...Nf5 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Rh3+-)* 13.exf6 Rf7 14.fxe7 Qxe7 15.Bxg6!+-;
D) 10...Kh8 11.Nf3
D1) 11...Be7 12.Bd3 h6 *(12...g6 13.Rxg6 fxg6 14.Bxg6 Rf7 15.Bxf7 Nxc4 16.h4 Qf8 17.Ba1±)* 13.Rxg7!? *(13.Nc3)* 13...Kxg7 14.Qg4+ Bg5 *(14...Kh8 15.Qe4+-)* 15.h4 Nb4 16.Be4 Rg8 *(16...Rh8 17.hxg5 h5 18.Qg3 Nxc4 19.Bc3 Nc6 20.g6)* 17.hxg5 Kf8 18.g6 Nxc4 19.Bc3 Na2 20.Rxh6+-;
D2) 11...h6
D2a) 12.Bd3!? Na4 13.Qg4;
D2b) 12.Nc3!? Bxc3 *(12...f5 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Nd1 e5 15.Nxe5 Qe6 16.Ne3 Rf6 17.Ng6++-; 12...d5 13.exd6 Qf6 14.Bd3 Bxd6 15.Ne4! Qxb2 16.Nxd6 f5 17.0-0±)* 13.Bxc3 Na4 14.Qg4;
D2c) 12.Qg4!? Rg8 13.Ng5! *(13.Qe4 d5! 14.exd6 e5±)* 13...Qe7 *(13...Qe8 14.Rf3 Rf8 15.Qe4 g6 16.Rh3 Kg7 17.Rxh6+-)* 14.Rh3 d5 *(14...Na4 15.Qf4 Nd8 16.Bd4 b6 17.Ne4!+-)* 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Bd3 a5 17.Qe4 g6 18.Rxh6+ Kg7 19.Rxg6+! fxg6 20.Qxg6+ Kf8 21.Nh7+

Qxh7 22.Qxh7 a4 23.h4 a3 24.Rh3 Rxg2 25.Kf1+-]
[9...Kf8 10.h4!? *(10.Nc3 d5 11.Qg4 Rg8 12.Nf3↑; 10.Qg4 g6 11.Qf4↑)*
10...Qc7 11.Qg4
A) 11...g6 12.h5↑ Nxe5? 13.hxg6 fxg6 *(13...Nxg6 14.Bxh8 Nxh8 15.Qg7++-; 13...Nxg4 14.g7+ Ke7 15.gxh8Q+-)* 14.Qf4++-;
B) 11...Rg8 12.Nf3 d6 *(12...Na4 13.Ba1 Ne7 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nh7+ Ke8 16.Bd3 b6 17.Bc2 Nc5 18.0-0 Ba6 19.Nc3±)* 13.Ng5
B1) 13...h6 14.Nxf7! Kxf7 15.Qg6+ Ke7 16.exd6+ Bxd6 17.Bf6+ gxf6? *(17...Kf8 18.Rf3 Bf4 19.Bb2⩱)* 18.Qh7++-;
B2) 13...Nxe5 14.Nxh7+ Ke7 15.Qg5+ Kd7 16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.Nf6+ gxf6 18.Qxg8**±**]
[9...Rg8 10.Qh5 h6 11.Nc3
A) 11...Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Na4 13.Ba1 Qa5 14.Qd1!
A1) 14...Nb6 15.Qb1!? Qa4 16.Ne2↑ Nxc4 *(16...Qxc4 17.Nd4 Qc5 18.Nb5 Kd8 19.Be2⩱)* 17.Nc3 Qa6 18.Nb5+-;
A2) 14...Nc5 15.Nf3⩱;
B) 11...Kf8?! 12.Nb5!
B1) 12...d5 13.exd6 Bxd6? *(13...e5 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Nxe5 Ndxe5 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.Qxe5 a6 18.Rb3 Bxd2+ 19.Kxd2 axb5 20.Rxb5 Ra2+ 21.Kc3±)* 14.Rd3 Nxc4 15.Nxd6 Nxd6 16.Ba3+-;
B2) 12...Qe7 13.Rf3 a6 14.Nd6 Bxd6 15.exd6 Qe8 16.Bf6! e5 *(16...a5 17.Rg3+-)* 17.Re3 Qe6 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 Qxd6 20.c5+-]
[9...Qh4 10.Na3 Bxa3 11.Bxa3 Nxe5 *(11...Nxc4? 12.Rg4+-)* 12.Qa1 f6 *(12...d6 13.Bxd6 Nexc4 14.Qxg7! Qe4+ 15.Be2 Qb1+ 16.Bd1 Nb2 17.f4! Qxd1+ 18.Kf2 Qxd2+ 19.Ne2 Nd3+ 20.Rxd3 Qxd3 21.Qxh8+ Kd7 22.Bc5 Nd5 23.Qf8)* 13.d3 Kf7 14.Be2 d5 15.Bc1 dxc4 16.Rh3 Nxd3+ 17.Bxd3 Qg4 18.Rg3 Qh5 19.Be4**±**]
[9...Bf8 10.Nf3
A) 10...d5 11.exd6
A1) 11...Bxd6 12.Bxg7 Rg8? *(12...Bxg3 13.Bxh8 Bb8 14.Nc3±)* 13.Bf6+-;
A2) 11...Qxd6 12.Be2 *(12.Bxg7 Bxg7 13.Rxg7 e5∞)* 12...f6 *(12...e5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5± Qxe5?! 15.Re3)* 13.0-0⩱ Bd7 *(13...e5?! 14.d4 exd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Nd7 17.Nc3 Ne5 18.c5 Qe6 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Nd5+-)* 14.d4 Qb4 *(14...0-0-0? 15.c5+-)* 15.Bc3 Qa4 16.Qd3⩱;
B) 10...h5 11.Be2 *(11.h4!?)* 11...h4 12.Rg5 h3 13.gxh3 Rxh3 14.Rg3 Rh7 *(14...Rxg3 15.hxg3±)* 15.Qc2 *(15.0-0 d6 16.exd6 Qxd6 17.d4↑)* 15...g6 16.Nc3⩱]
10.Nc3 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '=' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'The resulting endgame is completely equal.' 10...d5!?
[10...Nxe5?! 11.c5! Bxc5 12.Ne4 d6 13.f4 Qh4 *(13...0-0 14.Qh5!? Nec4?? 15.Qxh7++-)* 14.Nxc5 Qxf4 15.Nf3 0-0 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Be2 a5 18.Nd3 Qa4 19.Nxe5 Qxd1+ 20.Bxd1 Nd5 21.0-0]

11.exd6! 0-0
[11...e5 12.Nf3 Bxd6 13.Ne4 Bb8 *(13...Be7 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 0-0 16.Be2 Re8 17.Rd3 Bd7 18.Qa1; 13...Bf5 14.Nxd6+ Qxd6 15.Nxe5 0-0 16.Re3⇄)* 14.c5! Nd7 15.Nfg5 0-0 16.h4 Nf6 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.h5 Ne7 19.Nxh7! Kxh7 20.hxg6+ Kg7 21.Qh5+-]
12.Ne4
[12.Qh5!? e5 13.Nf3⩲]
12...e5
[12...f5 13.Qh5 e5 14.Rxg6+]
13.Qh5 f5
[13...Bxd6 14.Qh6 Bb4 *(14...f6 15.c5±; 14...Be7? 15.h4 f6 16.Rxg6+! hxg6 17.Qxg6+ Kh8 18.Ng5+-)* 15.Nf3 f6 *(15...f5 16.Neg5 Qc7 17.Nxh7 Qxh7 18.Rxg6+ Kh8 19.Qg5+-)* 16.h4]
14.Rxg6+ hxg6 15.Qxg6+ Kh8 16.Nf3 Qe8
[16...fxe4?? 17.Nxe5+-]
17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.Neg5 Rf7 19.Qg6+ Kf8 20.Be2
[20.c5!? Bxc5 21.Bb5 Rg7 22.Nh7+ Rxh7 23.Qxh7 Bxd6 24.Ng5]
20...Rg7
[20...Rd7!? 21.Qxf5+ Rf7 22.Qg6 Bf5 23.Qh6+ Kg8 24.Nxf7 Qxf7 25.0-0!±]
21.Nh7+ Rxh7 22.Qxh7 Qf7 23.Qh8+ Qg8 24.Qh4 Qe6 25.Ng5 Qg8 26.c5! Bxc5 27.Nh7+ Kg7 28.Nf6 Qf8
[28...Qh8 29.Qg5+ Kf7 30.Bh5+ Ke6 31.Ne8]
29.Nh5+ Kg6
[29...Kh7 30.g4]
30.g4±

7...Nf4 8.Nf3
[8.h4 '!'
A) 8...0-0 9.Qg4 Ng6 10.h5
A1) 10...Qb6 '!?' 11.hxg6 *(11.Nc3* '?' *Nxe5* '∓' *)* 11...fxg6 12.Bd4 Bc5 13.Bd3 '!'
A1a) 13...Bxd4 14.Rxh7 '!' Bxf2+ 15.Ke2 Bxg1 *(15...Kxh7 16.Qh5+ Kg8 17.Bxg6* '+-' *)* 16.Rxg7+ '+-';
A1b) 13...Rf5 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Bxf5 gxf5 16.Qh5 Qxe5+ 17.Ne2 h6 18.Qe8+ Kh7 19.d4 '+-';
A2) 10...Ne7 11.Bd3
A2a) 11...Kh8 '?' 12.Qe4 g6 13.Qf4 Ng8 *(13...Nf5 14.g4* '+-' *)* 14.Nf3 Be7 *(14...Qe7 15.Qg3 Nc6 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.Nh4)* 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Bxg6 '!' Kg7 17.Rxh7+ Kxg6 18.Qh2 '+-';
A2b) 11...h6 12.Qe4 Nf5 13.g4 '±';
A2c) 11...Nf5 12.Nf3 *(12.Qe4* '?!' *d5 13.exd6 Qxd6 14.g4* '?' *Nd7* '∓' *)* 12...Nc6 13.Na3 Qb6 14.0-0 '!' *(14.Rb1* '⩲!?' *)* 14...Bxd2 15.Nb5 Bb4 16.Bxf5 '!' exf5 17.Qg3 g6 *(17...a5 18.e6 f6 19.Nc7 Rb8 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.h6 g6 22.e7* '!' *Bxe7 23.Rfe1 Bb4 24.Bxf6 Rxf6 25.Re8+ Qxe8*

26.Nxf6+ '+-' *)* 18.Nh4 Ne7 19.Qf4 Bc5 20.Qh6;

A2d) 11...Nbc6 12.Qe4 '!?'

A2d1) 12...Nf5 13.g4 d6 14.exd6 Qxd6 15.gxf5 exf5 16.Qd5 Re8+ 17.Kf1 Qh6 18.Ne2 '**±**';

A2d2) 12...g6 13.Qf4 '!?' Nf5 14.Nf3

A2d21) 14...d5 15.cxd5 exd5 *(15...Qxd5 16.Bxf5* '!' *exf5 17.Qh6* '+-' *)* 16.g4;

A2d22) 14...Be7 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Qh2 h5 17.g4 Nh6 18.Qg3 '!' Bc5 19.Bxg6 h4 20.Qg2 '**±**';

A2d3) 12...f5 13.exf6 Nf5 14.fxg7 Rf7 15.Nf3 d5 16.Qe2 Nxg7 17.Ra4 '**±**';

A2e) 11...Qb6 12.Qe4

A2e1) 12...g6 13.Qh4 '!?' *(13.Qf4)* 13...h6 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Qxh6 Kf7 16.Nf3 Nbc6 17.Na3 '+-';

A2e2) 12...Nf5 13.g4 d5 14.exd6 Bc5 *(14...Bxd6 15.Bc3 Na6 16.gxf5 Nc5 17.Qf3 Nxd3+ 18.Qxd3 exf5 19.Qd4 Qxd4 20.Bxd4* '**±**' *)* 15.gxf5 *(15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.gxf5 Rg8 17.Ne2 Kf8 18.Nbc3 Qxd6 19.fxe6 Qxe6 20.Qxe6 Bxe6 21.Bxh7 Rh8 22.Be4 Nc6 23.Rb1 Bxc4 24.Rxb7 Rc8 25.h6* '**±**' *)*

A2e21) 15...exf5 16.Qe5 f6 17.Qd5+ Rf7 *(17...Kh8 18.Ba3* '**±**' *)* 18.Nf3 '**±**!' Qxb2 19.Qxc5;

A2e22) 15...Bxf2+ 16.Kd1 exf5 17.Qe5 f6 18.Qd5+ Rf7 *(18...Kh8 19.Ne2 Nc6 20.Nf4* '+-' *)* 19.Ba3 Bd7 20.Ne2 Bc6 21.Qxf5 '+-';

A2e23) 15...Qxb2 16.f6 '!' *(16.fxe6 f5 17.Qd5 Bxe6 18.Qxe6+ Kh8 19.Ne2 Nc6 20.Ra2 Qxa2 21.Nf4 h6 22.Ng6+ Kh7 23.Nxf8+ Rxf8 24.Bxf5+ Kh8 25.Qg6 Rxf5 26.Qxf5 Bxd6 27.Rh4* '**±**' *)* 16...g6 17.Ra5 Nd7 18.Nc3 Bxf2+ *(18...Nxf6 19.Qh4 Bb6 20.Rg5* '+-' *)* 19.Ke2 Nxf6 20.Qf4 Qb6 *(20...Bxg1 21.Rxg1* '+-' *)* 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Rg5 Qd4 23.Qh2 Bh4 24.Qxh4 Qxh4 25.Rxh4 De Vuyst,J-Markus,R IECG 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '+-';

B) 8...a6 '?!' 9.Qg4 '!?' *(9.h5* '**±**!?' *)* 9...Ng6 10.h5 Ne7 11.Qxg7 Rg8 *(11...Rf8 12.Nf3* '**±**' *)* 12.Qxh7 '**±**';

C) 8...d5 '?!' 9.Qg4 Ng6 10.h5 Ne7 11.Qxg7 Rg8 12.Qxh7 dxc4 13.h6 '**±**';

D) 8...Ng6 9.h5

D1) 9...Ne7 10.Nc3

D1a) 10...d6 11.h6 '!?' gxh6 12.Ne4 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Rf8 '??' *(13...f5 14.Bxh8 fxe4 15.Rxh6* '**±**' *)* 14.Nf6#;

D1b) 10...Nbc6 11.h6 g6 12.Ne4 0-0 13.Nf3 '⩲' Qb6 *(13...Kh8 14.Bd3* '⩲' *a5 15.Nfg5 Nf5 16.Nf6 d6 17.exd6 Nxd6 18.f4 e5 19.Nfxh7 Re8 20.0-0)* 14.Rb1 Kh8 15.Ba1 '**±**';

D2) 9...Nh4 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Nb5 0-0 *(11...a6 12.Rxh4* '!' *Qxh4 13.Nc7+ Kd8 14.Nxa8 Qe4+ 15.Ne2 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Ra4 Be7 18.Nb6 Qxh5 19.d4* '**±**' *)* 12.Qg4

D2a) 12...Nf5 13.Bd3 a6 14.Nf3 Be7 15.Nd6 '!?'
D2a1) 15...Nxd6 16.exd6 Bf6 17.Qe4 g6 18.hxg6 fxg6 *(18...Bxb2 19.Qg4 fxg6 20.Bxg6 hxg6 21.Qxg6+ Bg7 22.Ng5 Qxg5 23.Qxg5 Nd4 24.Qg6 Rf6 25.Qh7+ Kf7 26.Ra3* '±' *)* 19.Rxh7 '+-!';
D2a2) 15...Bxd6 16.exd6 f6 17.Qe4 b6 18.Nh4 '!' Qe8 19.Kd1 '±!';
D2b) 12...Be7 13.Bd3 Nf5 14.Nf3 f6 15.0-0 '⩲';

E) 8...Qb6 '!?' 9.Bc3
E1) 9...Qc6
E1a) 10.Bxb4 '?' Qe4+ 11.Be2 Nd3+ 12.Kf1 Nxb4;
E1b) 10.Qg4 '!?' Bxc3 '?' *(10...Qe4+ 11.Kd1 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Qxe5 13.Nf3 h5 14.Nxe5 hxg4 15.Nb5 Na6 16.d4* '⩲' *)* 11.Nxc3 Ng6 12.h5 Ne7 13.Qxg7 '+-';
E1c) 10.f3 Bxc3 11.Nxc3 Nh5 12.f4 '!?' Ng3 *(12...Nxf4* '?' *13.Qg4 Ng6 14.h5; 12...g6 13.d4 0-0 14.Rh3* '↑' *)* 13.Qg4 Nf5 *(13...Nxh1 14.Qxg7 Rf8 15.Nb5 Qe4+ 16.Ne2 Qg6 17.Nc7+ Ke7 18.Qxg6 fxg6 19.Nxa8 Nc6 20.d4* '⩱' *)* 14.Bd3 0-0 *(14...Nd4* '??' *15.Qxg7 Rf8 16.Ne4* '+-' *)* 15.Nf3 d6 *(15...Na6 16.Ng5 Nb4 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Qxf5 g6 19.Qe4* '!?' *Qxe4+ 20.Ncxe4 Nc2+ 21.Ke2 Nxa1 22.Rxa1 b6 23.Nd6 f6 24.Nge4 fxe5 25.fxe5 a5 26.d4* '↑' *)* 16.Ne4 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nd7 18.h5 '↑';
E2) 9...Nc6 10.Qg4 Bxc3 11.Nxc3 Qd4 12.Qxg7 Qxe5+ 13.Qxe5 Nxe5 14.Nb5 '!' Ke7 15.d4 *(15.Rxa7 Rxa7 16.Nxa7 b6 17.Nh3 Nxh3 18.Nxc8+ Rxc8 19.Rxh3 Nxc4* '∓' *)* 15...Ned3+ 16.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 17.Ke2 Nb2 18.Nxa7 Rb8 19.c5 '↑' b5 20.Nf3 Bb7 21.c6 dxc6 22.Ne5 '⩱';
E3) 9...Bxc3 10.Nxc3
E3a) 10...d6 11.h5 '!' dxe5 12.g3 0-0 *(12...Qc6 13.Nf3* '±' *)* 13.gxf4 exf4 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.Qe2 '!' Nb4 16.Rb1 e5 17.c5 '!' Qxc5 18.Qe4 a5 19.Ng5 f5 20.Qc4+ Qxc4 21.Bxc4+ Kh8 22.Nf7+ Rxf7 23.Bxf7 Bd7 24.Bd5 '⩱' Nxd5 25.Nxd5 Bc6 26.Nb6 '±';
E3b) 10...Ng6 11.d4 '!' Nc6 12.Nf3 *(12.h5* '!?' *Nge7 13.h6 g6 14.Nf3 Nf5 15.Nb5 0-0 16.g4 Nfe7 17.Be2* '⩱' *)* 12...Qb2 13.Nb5 Qb4+ 14.Nd2 0-0 15.Rh3 '⩲';
E3c) 10...0-0 11.h5 '!' *(11.g3 Ng6 12.Nf3 d6* '∞' *)* 11...Qd4 12.Nf3 Nd3+ 13.Bxd3 Qxd3 14.h6 g6 15.Rh4 '!' Nc6 16.Nb5 Nb4 17.Rc1 a6 18.Rc3 axb5 19.Rxd3 Nxd3+ 20.Ke2 Nb2 21.Qb3 Nxc4 22.Qxb5 Na5 23.Ra4 '+-';
E3d) 10...Nc6 11.g3 *(11.Nf3 d5 12.exd6 e5 13.Rb1 Qd8 14.c5 0-0 15.Qa4* '⩱' *)* 11...Ng6 12.h5 Nge7 *(12...Ngxe5 13.f4* '±' *)* 13.h6 g6 14.Nf3 '⩱';

F) 8...Nc6 9.Qg4
F1) 9...g5 '?!' 10.hxg5 Ng6 11.Nf3 Qb6 12.Nc3 d6 *(12...Bc5 13.Na4* '±' *Bxf2+* '?' *14.Ke2* '+-' *)* 13.exd6 e5 14.Qe4 '±';
F2) 9...Ng6 10.h5
F2a) 10...Ncxe5 '?' 11.Bxe5 Nxe5 *(11...f5* '!?' *12.Qd4 Nxe5 13.Qxe5*

0-0 14.h6 '+-' *)* 12.Qxg7 '+-';
F2b) 10...Ngxe5 '?' 11.Qxg7 Rf8 12.Bxe5 '+-';
F2c) 10...Nge7 11.Qxg7
F2c1) 11...Rf8 12.Nf3 Qb6 13.Nc3 Nf5 14.Na4 '!' Qxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Nxg7 16.h6 Nf5 17.g4 Nfe7 18.Nc3 Ng6 19.Ne4 '±' Be7 20.Nfg5 Ngxe5 21.Nxh7 Rh8 *(21...Nxg4+ 22.Ke1 Rg8 23.Nhf6+ Nxf6 24.Nxf6+ Bxf6 25.Bxf6* '+-' *)* 22.Nhf6+ Kf8 23.Be2 '±';
F2c2) 11...Rg8 12.Qxh7
F2c21) 12...b6 13.h6 Kf8 *(13...Bb7* '?' *14.Qxg8+* '!' *Nxg8 15.h7 Qg5 16.Nf3 Qg6 17.h8Q)* 14.Nf3 Qc7 15.Rh5 Bb7 16.Ng5 Nd8 17.Qd3 Rh8 18.Nh7+ Ke8 19.Nf6+ Kf8 20.Nc3 '+-';
F2c22) 12...Qb6 13.Bc3
F2c221) 13...Bc5 14.Nf3 '!' *(14.Nh3 Nd4 15.Na3* '±' *)* 14...Bxf2+ 15.Kd1 Bc5 16.h6 Rf8 17.Bd3 '+-';
F2c222) 13...Bxc3 14.Nxc3
F2c2221) 14...Nd4 15.h6 Rf8 *(15...Nc2+* '??' *16.Qxc2* '+-' *)* 16.Bd3 Nec6 17.Qg7 d6 18.h7 Nxe5 19.Be4 '+-';
F2c2222) 14...Nxe5 15.Rb1 *(15.Qe4 Ng4* '!' *16.Nh3 Nf5* '⩱' *)* 15...Qc6 *(15...Qd8* '?' *16.Ne4* '+-' *)* 16.h6 Kf8 *(16...d5* '?' *17.Qxg8+ Nxg8 18.h7* '+-' *)* 17.Ne4 f5 18.Nf6
F2c22221) 18...Rxg2 19.Bxg2 Qxg2 20.Qh8+ Kf7 *(20...Ng8 21.h7* '+-' *)* 21.Rb3 d5 22.Rg3 '+-';
F2c22222) 18...Nf7 19.Nf3 Rg6 20.Be2 e5 *(20...Rxf6 21.Qg7+* '+-' *)* 21.Nxe5 Qxf6 22.Qxf7+ Qxf7 23.Nxf7 Kxf7 24.h7 Rg8 25.hxg8Q+ Nxg8 26.Rb5 '+-';

G) 8...h5 9.Nc3
G1) 9...d6
G1a) 10.exd6 Bxd6 *(10...Qxd6* '?!' *11.Nb5 Qc5 12.g3 Ng6 13.Bxg7 Rg8 14.Bd4 Qc6 15.Rh2* '±'*; 10...e5 11.Nb5 Bxd6 12.g3 Ng6 13.Nxd6+ Qxd6 14.Nf3 Bg4 15.Qb3 Nc6 16.Bg2 a5 17.0-0* '⩲' *)* 11.g3 *(11.Ne4 e5* '!' *12.g3 Ne6* '∞' *)* 11...Ng6 12.Nf3 e5 *(12...Nc6 13.Bg2 e5 14.Ng5)* 13.Ng5 '!?' Nc6 *(13...0-0* '??' *14.Qxh5* '+-' *)* 14.Bg2 Bg4 15.Qb1 0-0 16.Nxf7 '!' Kxf7 *(16...Rxf7* '!?' *17.Qxg6 Ne7 18.Qb1* '⩱' *)* 17.Bd5+ Kf6 18.Ne4+ Ke7 19.Nxd6 Kxd6 20.Qxg6+ Qf6 21.Qxf6+ Rxf6 22.0-0 '⩱';
G1b) 10.Na2 Ba5 11.g3 Ng6 12.exd6 Qxd6 *(12...0-0 13.Qxh5* '±' *)* 13.Bxg7 Rg8 14.Bc3 Nc6 15.Qxh5 Bxc3 16.Nxc3 Nd4 17.Rb1 '⩱';
G2) 9...Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Nc6 11.d4 d6 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.Nf3 Bd7 14.g3 Ng6 15.Bg2 0-0 16.Ng5 '!?' *(16.0-0* '⩲' *)* 16...f6 17.Qxh5 fxg5 18.Qxg6 Ne7 19.Qxg5 '±';
G3) 9...a6 10.Ne4 *(10.g3 Ng6 11.Nf3* '⩱' *)*
G3a) 10...0-0 '?' 11.Nh3 '!' Nxh3 '?' *(11...d5 12.Neg5 Nxh3 13.Qxh5* '+-' *)* 12.Nf6+ '!' gxf6 13.gxh3 '+-';
G3b) 10...Nc6 11.c5 Ng6 12.Nf3 '↑';

G3c) 10...d5 11.exd6 Bxd6 '?' *(11...e5 12.Bxe5 Ne6 13.Nf3 Nc6 14.Bc3* '⩲' *)* 12.g3 '!' Ng6 13.Bxg7 Be5 14.Bxh8 Bxh8 15.Rb1 '±';

G4) 9...Nc6

G4a) 10.Ne4 d5 '!' 11.exd6 *(11.Nd6+ Bxd6 12.exd6 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nxg2+ 14.Kf1 Nxh4* '∓' *)* 11...e5 '!' 12.c5 Bf5 13.Qf3 Bxe4 14.Qxe4 Bxc5 15.g3 Ne6 16.Nf3 Qxd6 17.Bc4 0-0 18.0-0 Rad8 '∓';

G4b) 10.Nb5

G4b1) 10...b6 11.Nh3 Nxh3 12.Rxh3 Bb7 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.exd6 e5 15.f4 '⩲';

G4b2) 10...d5 11.exd6 Bxd6 *(11...0-0 12.g3 Ng6 13.Qxh5* '±' *)* 12.g3 Ng6 13.Bxg7 Rg8 14.Bc3 e5 15.Qxh5 Bc5 16.Nf3 '±';

G4b3) 10...Qb6 11.Ra4 *(11.Nh3* '!?' *Nxh3 12.Rxh3* '⩱' *)*

G4b31) 11...0-0 12.g3 Ng6 13.Qxh5 a6 14.Nf3 '!' axb5 15.Ng5 Rd8 16.Rxa8 bxc4 17.Ba1 Be7 18.f4 Qb1+ *(18...Bc5 19.Bxc4* '±' *)* 19.Qd1 Qf5 20.Bg2 Bxg5 21.hxg5 b5 22.Ra3 '±';

G4b32) 11...a6 12.Nh3 '!' *(12.g3 Ng6 13.Nf3* '⩲' *)*

G4b321) 12...Ng6 '?' 13.Rxb4 '!' Nxb4 14.Nd6+ Ke7 15.Qb1 Rf8 16.Bc3 a5 17.Be2 Nxh4 *(17...Nd5 18.Bb2* '!' *Nb4 19.0-0 Kd8 20.d4* '+-' *)* 18.Nf4 Ng6 19.Nxg6+ fxg6 20.Qxg6 Kd8 21.0-0 Kc7 22.Qxg7 Rf4 23.Qh6 '+-';

G4b322) 12...Nxh3 13.Rxh3 Be7 14.Rb3 Qd8 15.Rg3 Kf8 *(15...g6 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Rf8 18.Qa1* '±' *Qxh4* '?' *19.c5* '+-' *)* 16.Nd6 b6 17.d4 '±']

8...0-0 9.g3 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '=' 9...Ng6 10.Bg2 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '=' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Another possibilities are' 10...d6 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'and' 11.exd6 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Or' 11...Qxd6 12.0-0 e5 13.Nc3 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '=' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'The main theoretical move is' 13...Nc6 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'In reply to' 14.Nd5 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Black has no problems after' 14...Bc5 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '!' 15.d4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4

8.Qg4

[8.Na3!? White wants to get rid of the black bishop's influence in order to build up the strong pawn centre by d2-d4.

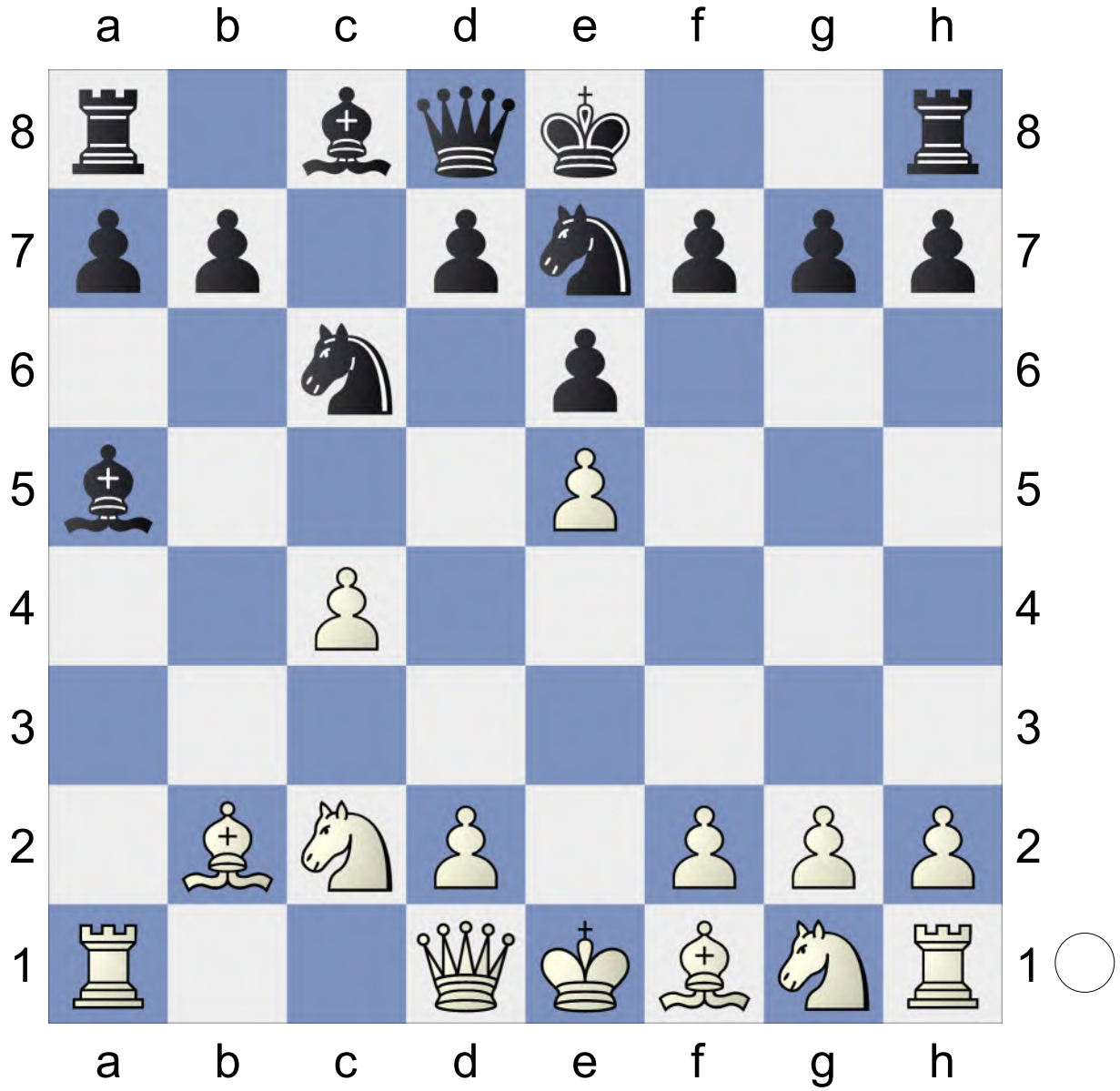
A) In the event of 8...0-0 9.Nc2 Ba5 *(*or *9...Bc5 10.d4 Bb6 11.Bd3)* 10.Qh5 White has an initiative on the kingside.;

B) 8...Nbc6 9.Nc2 Ba5

(Diagram)

10.Ra3!? David Bronstein often played the b2-b4 gambit against computers and this rook manoeuvre was one of his favourites.

B1) Possible was 10...0-0 and the tip-and-run attack doesn't work e.g. 11.Qh5 *(11.Rh3 d6! 12.Qh5 h6 13.exd6 Qxd6 14.Nf3 Rd8* and the white



king is in danger *)* 11...Qb6 12.Rh3 h6 But Ketevan doesn't want to provide the opponent with clear objects.;

B2) 10...Bc7 11.Qa1 Protecting the central pawn b6

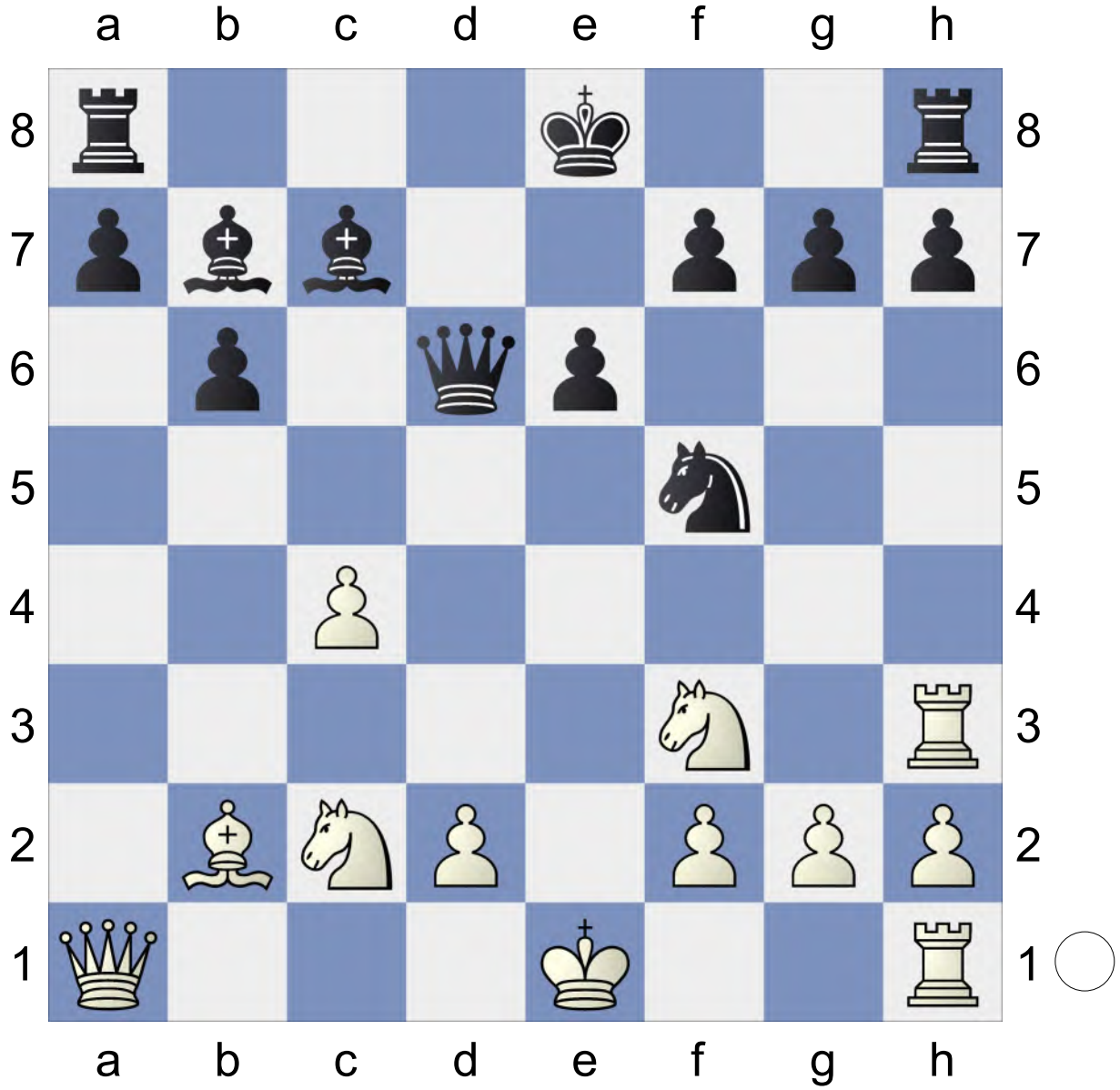
B2a) Better was 12.Nf3 Bb7 and here 13.h4!? deserves attention *(*the simple *13.Be2* would be met by *Ng6 14.0-0 Nf4)*;

B2b) 12.Rg3?! This move amuses but actually it is too artificial 12...Nf5 13.Rh3 Bb7 14.Nf3 Nce7! For the time being Black refrains from deciding his king's position as this would help his opponents planning. 15.Bd3

B2b1) Interesting is 15...g5!? to which the only sufficient reply is 16.Rh5! *(16.Nxg5 Bxg2; 16.g4 Nh4)* with complicated position e.g. 16...h6 17.Ne3 Ng7 18.Rh3 planning ♘g4-f6;

B2b2) strong was 15...Ng6! and if 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.e6 f6 with an excellent play;

B2b3) 15...d5 16.exd6 Qxd6 White's queen and the dark-squared bishop are let loose but at the same time Black's pieces have got freedom as well. 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 *(*The interposition of *17...Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Nxf5* was possible and in case of *19.Bxg7 Rg8* Black takes the pawn back. *)*



B2b31) After the capture at g7 White is worse - 18.Bxg7 Rg8 19.Be5 Qc5! 20.Bxc7 Rxg2! 21.Nfd4 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 *(*or *22.Qxd4 Qxd4 23.Nxd4 Rg4 24.Rf1 Rxd4* and the opposite colour bishops isn't an effective remedy from all White's troubles *)* 22...Qxc7 23.Nxe6!? Qxc4! 24.Rc3 Qxe6+ *(24...Qh4! 25.Nc7+ Kf8* may be even stronger *)* 25.Re3 Be4 26.d3 f5 27.dxe4 f4∓ But in the game Black could get an almost winning position.;

B2b32) 18.Ne5?!

B2b321) White counted on the erroneous 18...Bxg2? 19.Qa4+ Kf8 20.Ba3 Kg8 *(20...Bxh3 21.Qd7!* winning on the spot *)* 21.Bxd6 Bxd6 22.Rd3 Bxh1 23.Qd7 Be7 *(23...Bxe5?? 24.Qd8+)* 24.Ne3+-;
B2b322) However after 18...0-0! White is strategically lost for example 19.Rd3 *(19.0-0 Qxd2)* 19...Qc5 and 20.Nd7 is parried by Qxc4;
B2b323) 18...0-0-0? 19.0-0 f6 *(*In the event of *19...Qxd2 20.Ne3;* or *19...Qe7 20.d4* White has compensation for material *)* 20.Nf7 Qc6 21.Ne1! *(*Perhaps Arakhamia didn't notice this unpretentious retreat reckoning mainly on *21.f3 Rxd2 22.Nxh8 Rxc2)* 21...Rxd2? Andy Martin: 'Williams, S (2427) -Arakhamia Grant, K (2446)/Scarborough 2004/CBM 101 ext/ 1-0 (36) Andrew Martin: 'Williams, S (2427) -Arakhamia Grant, K (2446)/ Scarborough 2004/CBM 101 ext/ 1-0 (36)" *(*After the prudent *21...a6;* or more risky *21...Qxc4 22.Nxh8 Rxh8 23.Rc3 Qf4 24.g3 Qxd2 25.Nf3 Qd5 26.Rd1 Qa5 27.Qc1 b5* Black had compensation for the exchange.May be Ketevan overlooked another knight leap? *)* 22.Nxh8 Re2

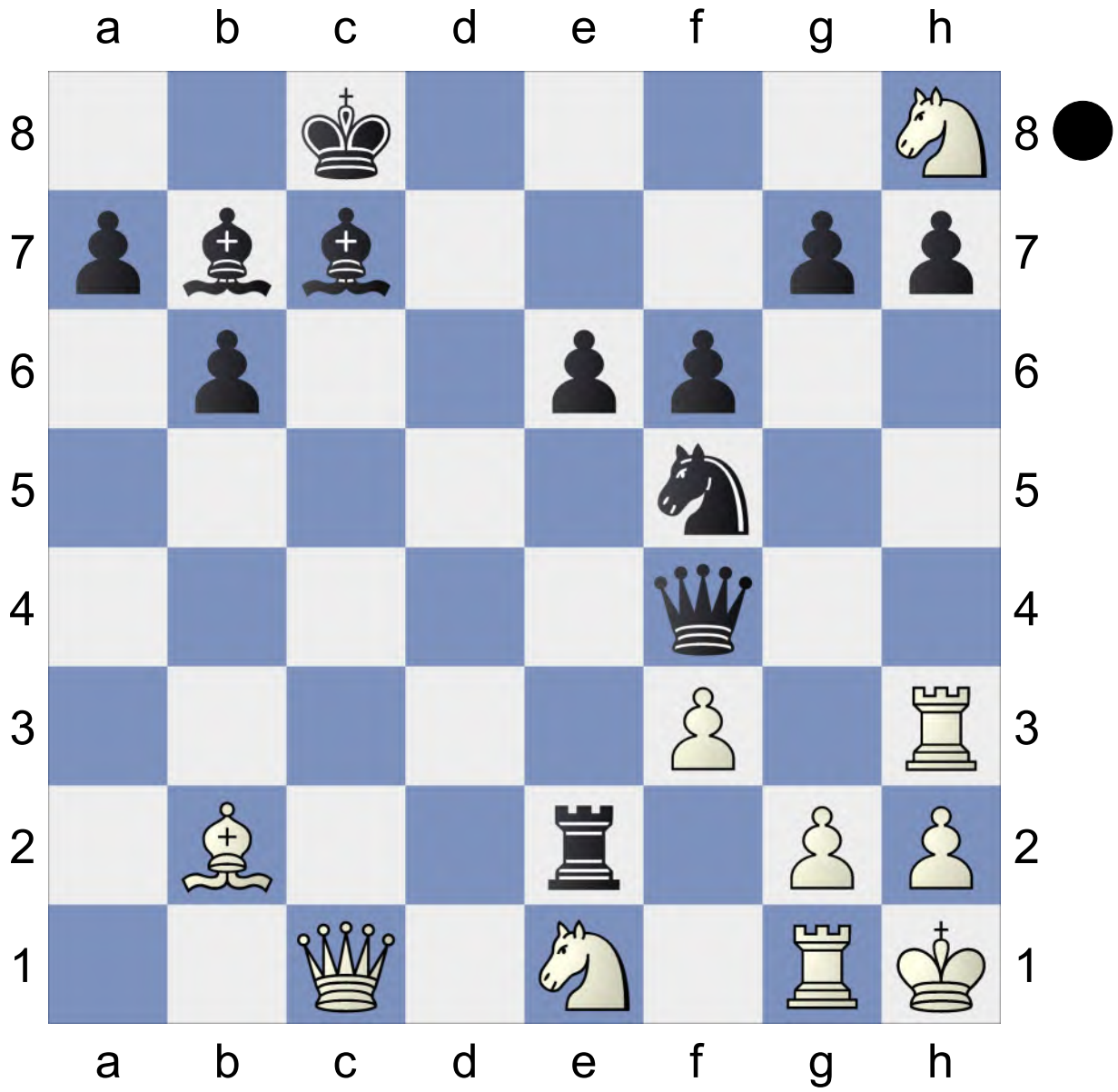
B2b3231) After 23.f3? Qc5+ 24.Kh1 Qxc4 25.Rg1 *(25.Qc1!? Ba6≅)* 25...Qf4 White should have agreed with moves repetition 26.Rf1 *(*as *26.Qc1??* loses to

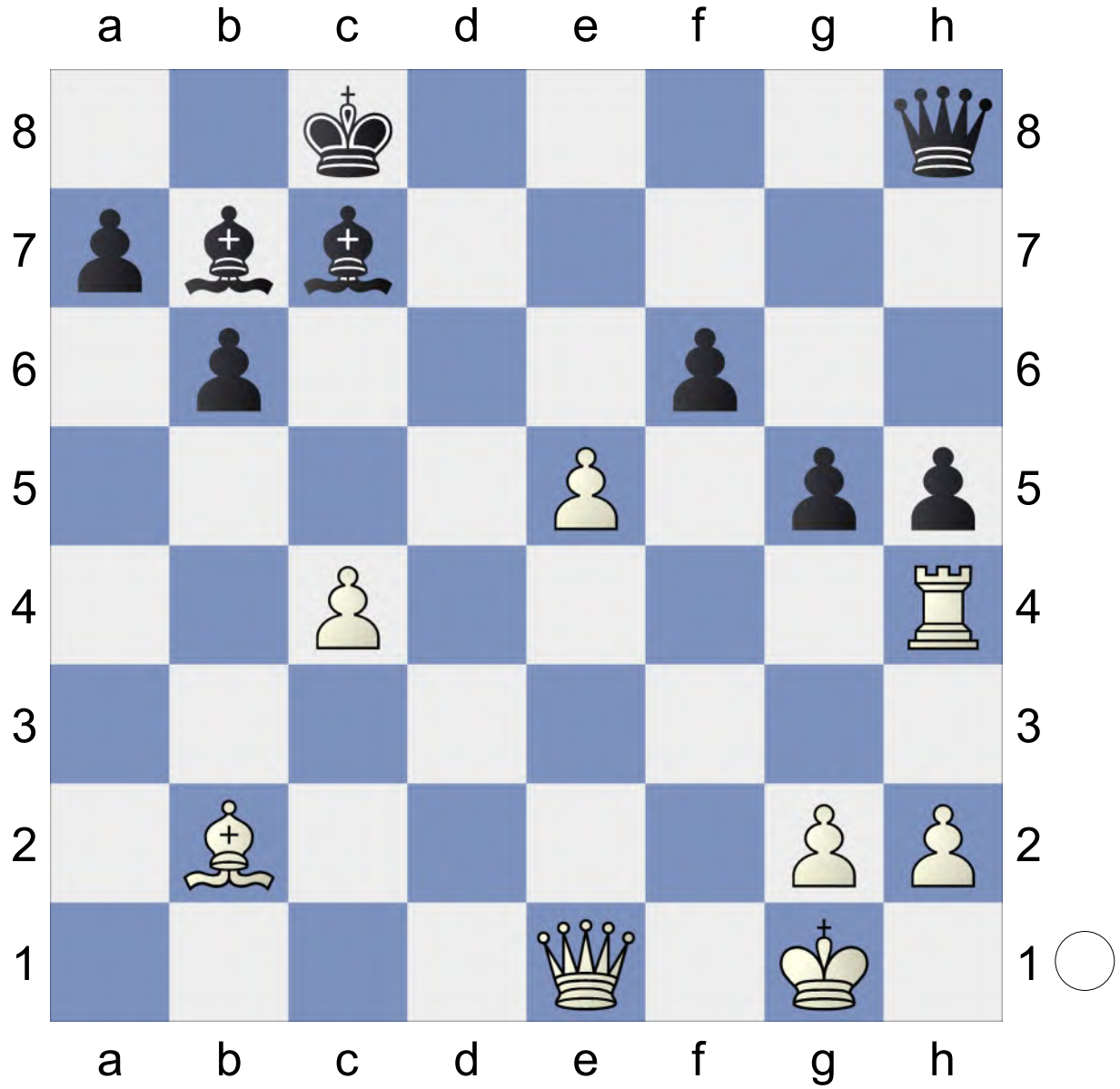
(Diagram)

Qxh2+! 27.Rxh2 Ng3#);
B2b3232) 23.Nf3! Qe8 24.Re1?! *(*What to do after the primitive *24.Rxh7! ?* It seems Black has no real threats. Now the position becomes unclear again *)* 24...Rxe1+ 25.Qxe1 h5 26.Nh4 Nxh4 27.Rxh4 e5! *(*In case of *27...Qxh8 28.Qxe6+ Kb8 29.Rd4* White gets a clear superiority due to the centralisation of his pieces *)* 28.f4 Qxh8 29.fxe5 g5? *(*By *29...fxe5 30.Bxe5 Qe8* Black could have exchanged the queens and in the ending after *31.Bc3 Qxe1+ 32.Bxe1 g6* her position would have been defensible. *)*

(Diagram)

A decisive mistake. 30.exf6! It's over. Bd6 *(30...gxh4 31.f7)* 31.Qe6+ Kc7 32.Be5 Bxe5 33.Qxe5+ Kc8 34.Qe6+ Kb8 35.Rd4 Qf8 36.f7 1-0 (36) Williams,S (2427)-Arakhamia,K (2446) Scarborough ENG 2004 CT-1375 [Maxim Notkin (www.





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[RR 8.Nc3 '!?' '!?'

A) 8...Bxc3 9.Bxc3 Nbc6 10.Qg4 0-0 11.h4 d6 12.exd6 Nf5 13.Bd3 g6 14.Bxf5!? *(14.h5!? Qxd6 15.Be4↑)* 14...exf5 15.Qf4↑;

B) 8...d6 9.Na2! Bc5 *(9...Ba5 10.exd6 Qxd6 11.Bxg7 Rg8 12.Bb2 Nbc6 13.Nc3±)* 10.d4 Bb6 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Nf3 Nbc6 13.Be2 0-0 14.0-0 Qd8 15.c5 *(15.Qd2 Nf5 16.Rfd1⩱)* 15...Ba5 16.Nc3 b6 17.Ne4 Rb8 18.Qc1 Nf5 19.Rd1 Nb4 20.Ne5!⩱ Bb7 21.c6 Rc8 22.d5! Nxd5 *(22...exd5 23.Qf4±)* 23.cxb7! Rxc1 24.Raxc1 Nfe7 25.Ba6 b5 26.Rc8 Nxc8 27.b8Q±;

C) 8...0-0 9.Ne4

C1) 9...d6 10.Nxd6 Bxd6 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Nf3 Nbc6 13.Qb1!? *(13.d4 Qb4+! 14.Qd2 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Rd8∓)* 13...e5 14.Bd3 f5 15.c5! Qxc5 16.0-0! Kh8 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Bc4 a5 19.Ra3 Ng6 20.d4 exd4 21.Qa1

Nge5 22.Nxd4 Nxc4 23.Rxc4 Rd8 24.Rg3↑;
C2) 9...d5 10.exd6 Nec6 *(10...Bxd6 11.Nxd6 Qxd6 12.Nf3; 10...Nf5 11.c5 a5 12.Qh5↑)* 11.Nf3 f5 *(11...Nd7 12.Be2 e5 13.0-0 f5 14.Nc3 Bxd6 15.d4 exd4 16.Nb5 Bc5 17.Nfxd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Qb6 19.Bf3 a6 20.Bc3⩱)* 12.Nc3 e5 *(12...Qxd6 13.Be2 e5 14.Qb3 Be6 15.Nd5 Na6 16.Nxb4 Naxb4 17.0-0⩱ Rad8 18.Rfd1 e4 19.Ng5 Qe7 20.Nxe6 Qxe6 21.Bc3 a5 22.Rxa5! Nxa5 23.Qxb4 Nc6 24.Qxb7 Rf7 25.Qb6⩱)* 13.c5 Bxc5 14.Nb5 Kh8 *(14...Bxd6?! 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 16.Ba3±)* 15.h4 Nd7 16.Bc4⩱;
C3) 9...Nbc6
C3a) 10.c5!?
C3a1) 10...Ng6 11.Nf3 *(11.Qh5 Qh4!)* 11...Qc7 *(11...b6 12.h4! bxc5 13.h5 Nge7 14.h6 g6 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.Ng5 Nd5 17.Nfxh7 Nd4 18.Bd3 Bb7 19.Qg4 Nb3 20.Rd1 Nxd2 21.Rxd2 Qa5 22.0-0 Bxd2 23.Nxf8 Bxg5 24.Nxg6+ fxg6 25.Qxg5 Rg8 26.h7 Rg7 27.Bc1±)*
C3a11) 12.Ra4 b5! 13.Bxb5 Rb8;
C3a12) 12.Qb3 b6 *(12...a5?! 13.h4 Ngxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Qg3 f6 16.Nxf6+)* 13.h4 h6 14.h5 Nge7
C3a121) 15.Bd3 Bxc5 *(15...Bb7 16.Bb1 Bxc5 17.0-0)* 16.Bb1 Bb7 *(16...d5 17.Nxc5 bxc5 18.Qc2 Nf5 19.g4 Nb4 20.Qc1 Ne7 21.g5∞)* 17.0-0 Rfc8 18.Qd3 Nf5 *(18...Kf8 19.Nxc5 bxc5 20.Qh7 Ng8 21.Ra4 Nb4 22.Ra3+-)* 19.g4 Nb4 20.Qe2 Nd5 21.gxf5 Nf4 22.Qd1 exf5 23.Ng3±;
C3a122) 15.g4 bxc5 16.g5 Nf5 17.gxh6 Nxh6 18.Rg1 Ne7 19.Nh4 Rb8 20.Qe3 Nhf5 21.Rxg7+ Kxg7 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Qf6+ Kg8=;
C3a13) 12.Rc1!? Ngxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Qb3 Nc6 15.Nf6+ gxf6 16.Rc4 Ne7 17.Bxf6∞;
C3a14) 12.h4!? Ngxe5 *(12...h6? 13.h5 Nge7 14.Bd3 b6 15.Bb1 Bxc5 16.Qc2 Nf5 17.g4)* 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Ra4! *(14.f4 Ng6 15.h5 Qxf4 16.Qf3! Qxf3 17.gxf3 Nf4 18.h6⩱)*
C3a141) 14...Nc6?? 15.Nf6+ Kh8 *(15...gxf6 16.Qg4+ Kh8 17.Bxf6#)* 16.Qh5 h6 17.Nd5+-;
C3a142) 14...a5 15.Qa1 Qc6 16.f3 b5 17.Bxe5⩱ f6! 18.Bxf6 bxa4 19.Bxg7 Rf4! 20.Bd3 *(20.Bh6 Rxe4+ 21.fxe4 Qxe4+ 22.Be2 Qxg2 23.Rf1 Qg3+ 24.Kd1 Qb3+ 25.Ke1 Qg3+=)* 20...Ba6 21.Bh6 e5 22.Qa2+ Qe6 *(22...Kh8? 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Bxa6 Rxa6 25.Qa1+ Kg8 26.h5!)* 23.Qxe6+ dxe6 24.Bxa6 Rxe4+ 25.fxe4 Rxa6 26.Be3 Rc6 27.Ke2 Kf8 28.g4±;
C3a143) 14...f5 15.Ng5
C3a1431) 15...a5? 16.Qh5 h6 17.f4 d6 *(17...Qxc5? 18.Rxb4+-)* 18.Rxb4 axb4 19.fxe5+-;
C3a1432) 15...Bxc5 16.Qh5

C3a14321) 16...Bxf2+ 17.Kxf2 h6 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Qg6± hxg5 20.hxg5 Qc5+ 21.Ke1 Qc1+ 22.Ke2 b6 23.Rh7 Ba6+ *(23...Rf7?? 24.Rxg7+ Rxg7 25.Qe8+ Kh7 26.Rh4#)* 24.Rxa6 Qc4+ 25.Kf2 Qd4+ 26.Kg3 Rf7 27.Rh4 Qxd2 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.g6 Qe1+ 30.Kh2 Qxf1 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qxa8 Rf8 33.Qxa7±;

C3a14322) 16...h6 17.f4

C3a143221) 17...Nf7? 18.Qg6+-;

C3a143222) 17...Bd6 18.fxe5 Bxe5 19.Qg6 hxg5 20.hxg5 Rd8 *(20...Bxb2 21.Rah4+-)* 21.Rah4 Kf8 22.d4 Bg3+ 23.Kd1 Qa5 24.R4h3+-;

C3a143223) 17...hxg5 18.hxg5 Qb6 19.fxe5! Bf2+ 20.Kd1 Qb3+ 21.Kc1 Qxa4 22.g6+-;

C3a143224) 17...b5 18.Bxe5! d6 19.Qg6! hxg5 20.hxg5 dxe5 21.Qh5 Bf2+ 22.Kd1! Rd8 23.g6 Rxd2+ 24.Kxd2 Be3+ 25.Kxe3 Qc1+ 26.Kf2! Qc5+ 27.Kg3 Qe3+ 28.Kh4 bxa4 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Qxg7+ Kd6 32.Qf8+ Kc7 33.g7 Qxf4+ 34.Kh5+-;

C3a143225) 17...d6! 18.fxe5 Qb6! *(18...Qd7? 19.exd6)* 19.Qg6 hxg5 20.hxg5 Qxb2 21.Rah4 Qxe5+ 22.Kd1 Qa1+=;

C3a2) 10...h6 11.Qh5

C3a21) 11...b6 12.Nf3 Rb8 *(12...bxc5 13.Bd3; 12...Ng6 13.g3)* 13.Bd3 bxc5 14.0-0;

C3a22) 11...a5 12.Nf3 a4 13.Rc1 a3 14.Ba1 a2 15.Bd3 Ra3 16.Nf6+ Kh8 17.Be4⩲ Qa5 18.0-0! Bxd2 19.Rc2 Bc3 20.Ng5 Nxe5 21.Ngh7 Bxa1 22.Rxa1 Ng8 23.Qxe5 gxf6 24.Nxf6 d6 25.Qb2 e5 26.Qc1=;

C3a23) 11...Ng6 12.Nf3 b6 *(12...Nce7 13.h4! Nf5 14.Qg4 a5 15.h5 Nge7 16.Qh3 b6 17.g4 Bb7 18.Bd3 Nd5 19.Bb1±)*

C3a231) 13.Qg4? Bxc5 14.h4 d6! 15.Bd3 Ngxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 dxe5 18.Nxc5 f5∓;

C3a232) 13.Nf6+ Kh8 14.g3 *(14.Bd3?? Nf4-+)* 14...Bb7 15.Bd3 Ncxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxf6 17.Bxg6 Kg8 18.Bxf7+ Rxf7 19.0-0 Bxc5 20.d4 Bd6 21.Nxf7 Qxf7 22.Qxf7+ Kxf7 23.Ba3 Bc7 24.Rfc1 Bc6∓;

C3a233) 13.g3

C3a2331) 13...bxc5 14.Bd3 Nce7 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Nf6+;

C3a2332) 13...Bxc5 14.Bd3 Nb4 15.Bb1 Bb7 16.Nfg5

C3a23321) 16...Qc8 17.Nf6+ gxf6 *(17...Kh8 18.0-0+-)* 18.Qxh6 fxg5 19.Bxg6 Bxf2+ 20.Kf1! Qc4+ 21.d3 fxg6 22.Qxg6+ Kh8 23.Qh6+=;

C3a23322) 16...Nd5 17.f4 *(17.h4 Qc8!∓)* 17...Qe7 18.Rf1

a5 19.Nd6 Ba6 20.Ndxf7! *(20.Rf3 f5 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Nge4 Bxd6 23.Nxf6+ Nxf6 24.Qxg6 Bb4∓)* 20...Rxf7 21.Qxg6 Qxg5! 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Qh8+ Ke7 24.Qxa8 Bb5 25.Rxa5! bxa5 26.Qc8 Bb6 27.Ba3+ Nb4 28.Qb8 Qh5 29.Qd6+ Ke8 30.Qb8+ Bd8 31.Qxb5 Qxh2 32.Rf3=;

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C3a2333) 13...Bb7 14.Bd3 Na5!? *(14...Nce7 15.0-0)* 15.Nf6+ gxf6 16.Bxg6 f5 *(16...fxg6?? 17.Qxg6+ Kh8 18.Qxh6+ Kg8 19.Qg6+ Kh8 20.exf6+-)* 17.Ra4 Bxf3 18.Qxh6 fxg6 19.Qxg6+ Kh8 20.Rxb4=;

C3a2334) 13...Nce7 14.Bd3

C3a23341) 14...Nf5? 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.Bxf5! exf5 17.Nh4! Nxh4 18.gxh4! d6 *(18...Bxc5 19.Rg1 Be7 20.0-0-0+-)* 19.exd6 Bxc5 20.d7! *(20.Rg1 Bxd6 21.Rxg7 Kxg7 22.0-0-0 Bxh2=)* 20...Qe7+ 21.Kf1 Qe6 22.d3 Bb7 23.Re1 Qb3 24.Qxf5 g6 25.Qf4 Kg7 26.Ne8+ Kh7 27.Qf6 Rg8 28.Qc3! Qxc3 29.Bxc3 Rf8 30.Rg1 a5 31.h5 Bc6 32.Nf6+ Kg7 33.Ne4+ Kh7 34.hxg6+ fxg6 35.Nxc5 bxc5 36.Re7++-;

C3a23342) 14...Bb7 15.0-0!

C3a233421) 15...bxc5 16.Nf6+ Kh8 17.Ng5⩱

C3a2334211) 17...a5 18.Nxf7+ Rxf7 19.Bxg6 Rf8 20.Bc2! *(20.d3 a4 21.Bc1 Nxg6 22.Bxh6 Rxf6 23.exf6 Kg8 24.Bxg7 Kf7 25.Rfc1 a3∓)* 20...Qb6 *(20...a4 21.d4±)* 21.Bc1 Qc6 22.Be4 Qc7 23.Bc2 Qc6 24.Be4=;

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C3a233422) 15...Bxe4!? 16.Bxe4 Rc8 17.cxb6 axb6 18.Ra4 Ba5 19.Rfa1 Nc6 20.R4a3! Bb4 21.Rb3 Be7 22.Bc3!⩱;

C3a233423) 15...Nf5 16.Nfg5 Qe7 *(16...Qe8? 17.Nf6+ gxf6 18.exf6 Bxd2 19.h4! Nge7 20.g4!+-)* 17.Nf6+ Kh8 18.h4!? Nfxh4! *(18...Bxc5? 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.e6 dxe6 21.Nd5+-)* 19.Kh2!

C3a2334231) 19...Bxc5 20.f4 Nf5 21.Bxf5 exf5 22.e6+-;

C3a2334232) 19...bxc5 20.f4 c4 21.gxh4! *(21.Bxg6 Nxg6 22.Ng4 Kg8 23.Nf6+=)* 21...cxd3 22.Ng4 Kg8

23.Nxh6+ gxh6 24.Qxh6 f6 25.exf6 Rxf6 26.Bxf6 Qxf6 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Rab1 a5 29.Qxd7 Qe7 30.Qxd3 Nh8 31.Rg1 Bd5 32.Rg4**±**;

C3a2334233) 19...Bc6 20.Nge4! a5 21.gxh4 Nf4 22.Qf3 Nxd3 23.Rg1 Rg8 24.Qxd3 Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Qxh4+ 26.Kg2 Bxc5 27.Qf3**±**;

C3a2334234) 19...Bxd2 20.f4 bxc5 21.Bxg6! fxg6 *(21...Nxg6 22.Rad1 Bxf4 23.gxf4 Bc6 24.Bc1 Rab8 25.Rg1±)* 22.Qxh4 Bc6 23.Rfd1 Bb4 24.Ra6 Rad8 25.f5!;

C3a3) 10...b6 11.Qh5

C3a31) 11...Ng6 12.Nf3 h6 13.g3;

C3a32) 11...h6 12.Nf3 Ng6 13.g3;

C3a33) 11...Bxc5 12.Nf3 h6 13.Bd3 Nb4 14.Nf6+ Kh8 *(14...gxf6? 15.Bb1)* 15.Be4 Ned5 *(15...Ba6 16.Rxa6! Nxa6 17.Ng5 Rc8 18.h4! Bd4 19.Bxd4! Rc1+ 20.Ke2 Rxh1 21.g3 Rc1 22.Ng4 Ng8 23.Nxf7+ Rxf7 24.Qg6!+- Rf5 25.Nf6! gxf6 26.Bxf5 exf5 27.exf6+-)*

C3a331) 16.Ng5!? Qe7 17.0-0 Bb7 18.Nh3 Nc6 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Nxd5 Qd8 21.Ra4! *(21.e6 f6 22.Nhf4↑)* 21...Rc8 22.Rh4;

C3a332) 16.g3 Bb7 *(16...Be7 17.Ng4↑)* 17.Ng5 Qe7 18.0-0 Nc6 19.Nf3 Bb4 20.Nh4 Na5 21.Ra4 Nc4 22.Qg6!+- Nxf6 23.exf6 fxg6 24.fxe7 Rfb8 25.Nxg6+ Kg8 26.e8Q+ Rxe8 27.Bxb7 a5 28.Bxa8 Rxa8 29.Ba1+-;

C3a333) 16.0-0 Nf4 *(16...Bb7 17.Qg4 Qe7 18.Nh4)* 17.Qh4 Nbd5 18.g3 Ng6 19.Qh5**±**;

C3a34) 11...bxc5 12.Bd3

C3a341) 12...Nd4?? 13.Nf6+;

C3a342) 12...Ng6?! 13.Nf3

C3a3421) 13...h6? 14.Nf6+ gxf6 *(14...Kh8 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Qxg6 gxf6 17.Qxh6+ Kg8 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.exf6+-)* 15.Qxh6+-;

C3a3422) 13...Qb6 14.Rd1 h6 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.Bxg6 Ba6 17.Ng5 Ba5 18.Ba1 Nb4 19.Bb1 Qb5 20.Qf3**±**;

C3a343) 12...Nf5 13.Nf3 h6 *(13...Rb8? 14.Nf6+ gxf6 15.Bxf5 exf5 16.exf6+-; 13...g6 14.Qh3 Kg7 15.Nf6 h6 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.0-0↑)* 14.0-0!? *(14.g4 Nfd4?; 14.Nf6+ Kh8 15.0-0=)* 14...d5 *(14...Rb8?! 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Qxf5 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kh7 19.exf6; 14...Bb7?! 15.Nf6+ gxf6 16.Bxf5 Ne7 17.Bg4 f5 18.Qxh6 Bxf3 19.Bxf3±; 14...d6 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.Ng4)* 15.exd6 Ncd4 *(15...Nxd6? 16.Nf6+ Kh8 17.Ng4+-)* 16.Rfb1 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3

C3a3431) 17...a5 18.Nf6+ Kh8? *(18...gxf6 19.Qxa8 Qxd6*

20.Qf3±) 19.Nh5+-;

C3a3432) 17...Bb7 18.Qg4 Kh8 19.h4 f6 20.Re1±;

C3a344) 12...h6 13.Nf3

C3a3441) 13...Nd5?! 14.Nf6+ Kh8 *(14...gxf6?? 15.Qxh6 f5 16.Ng5+-)* 15.g3 Bb7 16.Ng4± f5 17.Nxh6 Qe8 18.Qh3 gxh6 19.Qxh6+ Kg8 20.g4;

C3a3442) 13...Bb7 14.0-0 Nd5 *(14...Ng6?! 15.Nf6+ gxf6 16.Bxg6)* 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.g3 Qe7 17.Be4 a5 18.Bxd5 exd5 19.d4 Ra6 20.Bc1! Nxe5! 21.dxe5 Rxf6 22.Bg5 Rf5 23.Bxe7 Rxh5 24.Bxf8 d4 25.Nxd4! cxd4 26.Bxb4 axb4 27.Rfb1 Rxe5 28.Rxb4 Bc6 29.Rxd4±;

C3a3443) 13...Rb8 14.0-0

C3a34431) 14...Ba5 15.Rxa5 Qxa5 16.Nf6+ Kh8 17.Bc3 Qb6 18.Be4!? *(18.Ng5 Ba6↑)* 18...Bb7 *(18...a5 19.Ng5↑)* 19.Ng5 Nd4 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Bxd4 cxd4 22.Nxf7+ Rxf7 23.Qxf7 Nf5 24.Nh5 Qe4 25.Qxd7 Rb1 26.f3=;

C3a34432) 14...c4 15.Bxc4 *(15.Bc2 Kh8 16.Rfb1 Nd5 17.Nd6 Bxd6 18.exd6 Kg8 19.Qg4 c3 20.dxc3 f5 21.Qc4⩱)* 15...Bxd2 16.Rab1 Ba5 17.Nf6+!? *(17.Bd3!?⩱)* 17...gxf6 18.exf6 Nf5 19.Ba1 Rxb1 20.Rxb1 d5 21.Bd3 d4 22.Bxf5 Qxf6 23.Be4 e5 24.Bxc6 Qxc6 25.Qxe5 Bc3 26.Nxd4 Bxa1 27.Rxa1 Qc3 28.Qg3+ Qxg3 29.hxg3 a6 30.Nc6 Re8 31.Nb4 Re6 32.f3=;

C3a34433) 14...Bxd2 15.Ba3

C3a344331) 15...c4 16.Bc2 Bb4 17.Nf6+ Kh8 *(17...gxf6!? 18.Qxh6 Ng6 19.Bxg6 fxg6 20.Qxg6+ Kh8 21.Qh6+=)* 18.Bc1 Ng8 19.Nxg8 Kxg8 20.Bg5!? *(20.Bxh6 gxh6 21.Qxh6 f5 22.Qg6+=)* 20...Qe8 21.Bf6 Ne7 22.Ng5 Ng6 23.Nxf7 Rxf7 24.Qxg6 Kf8 25.Bh4⩲;

C3a344332) 15...Rb3 16.Bc2 Rxa3! 17.Rxa3 Bb4 18.Nf6+ Kh8 19.Re3

C3a3443321) 19...Ng8 20.Ng5 Nxf6 *(20...gxf6 21.Bh7! fxg5 22.Bxg8 Kxg8 23.Qxh6=)* 21.exf6 Qxf6 22.Rf3 Qxg5 23.Qxg5 hxg5 24.Rh3+ Kg8 25.Bh7+=;

C3a3443322) 19...Nd5 20.Nh7

C3a34433221) 20...Kg8 21.Be4 a5 22.Rd1 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Ne7 *(23...Re8? 24.Nf6+ Kf8 25.Bxc6+-)* 24.Nf6+ gxf6 25.Qxh6 Ng6 26.Bxg6 fxg6 27.Qxg6+=;

C3a34433222) 20...f5 21.exf6 Nxf6 22.Nxf6 Qxf6 23.Nh4= Kg8 24.Ng6 Rd8 25.Rf3 Qg5 26.Qxg5 hxg5 27.Ba4 c4 28.Bxc6 dxc6 29.Rh3 Rd5 30.Rh8+ Kf7 31.Rxc8 Kxg6 32.Rxc6 c3 33.Rxe6+

Kf5 34.Re2 a5 35.Rb1 Rd4 36.Kf1=;

C3a34433223) 20...Nxe3 21.fxe3 Ba6 22.Rf2 *(22.Nxf8 Qxf8 23.Ng5 Bxf1 24.Nxf7+ Kg8 25.Nxh6+ gxh6 26.Qg6+ Qg7 27.Qe8+ Qf8 28.Qg6+=)* 22...Qa5 23.h4 *(23.g3 Be1 24.Rf1 Bxf1 25.Nxf8 Qa1 26.Qxf7 Bxg3 27.Ng6+ Kh7 28.Nf8+=)* 23...Be1 24.Nxf8 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Qa2 26.Qxf7 Qxc2+ 27.Kg3 Bf1 28.Ng6+=;

C3a4) 10...Nf5 11.Qg4!? *(11.Qh5 Qh4!)*

C3a41) 11...b6 12.Nf3 Bxc5 *(12...bxc5 13.Bd3 Rb8 14.Nf6+ Kh8 15.Nxh7! Kxh7 16.Qh5+ Kg8 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Ng5 Bxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Rxb2+ 20.Kc1 Qxg5+ 21.Qxg5 Rxf2 22.Ra3 Nd4 23.Rh3 Rc2+ 24.Kd1 Ba6 25.Qh4 Be2+ 26.Ke1 f6 27.Qh7+ Kf7 28.exf6 Kxf6 29.Rg3 Rf7 30.Qg6+ Ke7 31.Re3+ Ne6=)* 13.Bd3 Nb4 14.Bb1

C3a411) 14...Bb7 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.Ng5↑

C3a4111) 16...Nh6 17.Qh5 Be7 *(17...Nd5? 18.Ra4)* 18.Ngxh7±;

C3a4112) 16...gxf6? 17.exf6 Bxf2+ 18.Kxf2 Qc7 19.Qxb4+-;

C3a412) 14...Nd5 15.Nf6+ *(15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.0-0 Rb8 17.Ba3 Nb4 18.d4 cxd4 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Qxf5 d5 21.Qf4 a5 22.Nxd4 Qb6∓; 15.h4 f6!?⇄)* 15...Nxf6 *(15...Kh8? 16.Nxd5)* 16.exf6 g6 *(16...Re8 17.h4)* 17.h4 Bb7 *(17...h5? 18.Qg5 Kh7 19.g4+-)* 18.h5 Bxf3 19.gxf3 d5 *(19...d6? 20.Bxf5 exf5 21.Qg5+-)* 20.hxg6 *(20.Bxf5? exf5 21.Qg5 Qd7 22.Qh6 Rfe8+ 23.Kf1 Bf8-+)* 20...fxg6 21.Bxf5 exf5 22.f7+! Rxf7 23.Qxg6+ Kf8 24.Qh6+ Ke7 25.Kf1≌;

C3a42) 11...Qh4 12.h3 Qxg4 *(12...a5 13.Nf3 Qxg4 14.hxg4 Nfe7 15.Nf6+! gxf6 16.exf6 Ng6 17.Ng5 a4 18.Rxh7 a3 19.Bd3 axb2 20.Rxa8 Nce5 21.Bb1)* 13.hxg4 Nfd4 14.Kd1 *(14.Bxd4 Nxd4 15.Bd3; 14.Bd3 Nxe5)*

C3a421) 14...a5 15.Nf3 Nxf3 16.gxf3 Rd8 17.Bd3;

C3a422) 14...b6

C3a4221) 15.cxb6 a5 16.Rh3 *(16.Bd3 Nxe5)* 16...Rb8 17.Bd3;

C3a4222) 15.Nf6+ gxf6 16.exf6;

C3a423) 14...h6 15.Nf3 Nxf3 *(15...Nb3 16.Ra4 b6 17.cxb6 Bb7 18.Bb5 a5 19.g5 hxg5 20.Rh5↑)* 16.gxf3 a5 17.g5 hxg5 18.Bd3 Rd8 *(18...b6 19.Nf6+ gxf6 20.exf6 Re8 21.Kc2+-; 18...a4 19.Nf6+ gxf6 20.Bh7+ Kh8 21.Be4+ Kg8 22.Rh5 a3 23.Kc2 axb2 24.Rah1+-)* 19.Ke2 a4 *(19...b6 20.Rag1 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Rxa6 22.d4 Kf8 23.d5 exd5 24.Nf6 d4 25.Rh8+ Ke7 26.Nd5+ Ke6 27.Nc7+ Kxe5 28.Rxd8 Nxd8 29.Nxa6±)* 20.Rag1

a3 21.Ba1 b6 22.Rxg5 Ba6 *(22...g6 23.Nf6+ Kf8 24.Rxg6 Bxc5 25.Rh8+ Ke7 26.Ng8+ Kf8 27.Rgh6 Bd4 28.Nf6+ Ke7 29.Rxd8 Kxd8 30.Rh8+ Kc7 31.Ne8+ Kb7 32.Nd6++-)* 23.Bxa6 Rxa6 24.d4 g6 *(24...a2 25.d5 exd5 26.Nf6+ Kf8 27.Rh8+ Ke7 28.Nxd5+ Ke6 29.Nc7+ Ke7 30.Rxd8 Kxd8 31.Nxa6+-)* 25.d5 Bxc5 *(25...exd5 26.e6 Kf8 27.Bf6+-)* 26.dxc6 dxc6 27.Rg2 Kf8 *(27...Rda8 28.Rgh2 Kf8 29.Rh7 Ke7 30.R1h6)* 28.Rh7 Be7 29.Rgh2 g5 30.f4 gxf4 31.Rg2+-;

C3a424) 14...Rd8

C3a4241) 15.Bxd4 Nxd4 16.Nf3 Nxf3 *(16...Nc6 17.g5!?)* 17.gxf3 a5 18.Bd3 b5 19.Nf6+! Kf8 *(19...gxf6? 20.exf6 d5 21.Rxh7 Bxc5 22.g5!+-)* 20.Rxh7 Bxc5 21.Rh8+ *(21.Be4 Ra7 22.Rh8+ Ke7 23.Ng8+=)* 21...Ke7 22.Ng8+ Ke8 23.Nf6+=;

C3a4242) 15.Nf3

C3a42421) 15...Nb3 16.Ra4 b6 *(16...Nxc5 17.Rxb4 Nxb4 18.Nxc5±)* 17.cxb6 Bb7 18.Bd3 axb6 19.Nf6+ gxf6 20.Bxh7+ Kf8 21.Rxa8 Bxa8 22.exf6 Nc5 23.Ng5+-;

C3a42422) 15...Nxf3 16.gxf3

C3a424221) 16...Rb8 17.g5!? b6 18.Nf6+ gxf6 19.exf6 Bb7 20.Bd3 Bxc5 21.Bxh7+ Kf8 22.g6+-;

C3a424222) 16...h6 17.Bd3 Rb8 *(17...a5 18.g5 hxg5 19.Ke2)* 18.g5 hxg5 19.Ke2 b6 *(19...Kf8 20.Rag1 Ke7 21.Rxg5 Rg8 22.Nf6 Rf8 23.Rxg7)* 20.Rag1 bxc5 *(20...Kf8 21.Rxg5 Bxc5 22.Rh7 Ke7 23.Rgxg7 Rf8 24.Nd6)* 21.Rxg5 Bxd2 22.Kxd2 Rxb2+ 23.Kc3↑;

C3a424223) 16...a5 17.Bd3 a4 *(17...h6 18.g5 hxg5 19.Ke2; 17...b6 18.Nf6+ gxf6 19.exf6 Bxc5 20.Bxh7+ Kf8 21.Be4 Kg8 22.g5 d5 23.Bh7+ Kf8 24.g6 Ke8 25.g7 Kd7 26.g8Q Rxg8 27.Bxg8)* 18.Nf6+ gxf6 19.exf6 Bxc5 20.Bxh7+ Kf8 21.Bd3 Kg8 *(21...Ke8 22.Rh8+ Bf8 23.g5 d5 24.g6 fxg6 25.Rh7+-)* 22.g5 Bd4 23.Bxd4 Nxd4 24.Ra3 d5 25.f4 Bd7 26.Bh7+ Kf8 27.Bb1 Kg8 28.Rah3+- Chapter-Games Game 1;

C3b) 10.Qh5 Ng6 *(10...d6! 11.exd6 Nf5)* 11.Nf3 h6 12.c5 Nce7 13.g3 b6 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.0-0 Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Rc8 17.cxb6 axb6 18.Ra4 Ba5 19.Rfa1 Nc6 20.Ba3 b5 21.Bxf8 bxa4 22.Bd6 Bc7 Wagner, S (2120)-Jansa, V (2494)/Differdange 2007/CBM 119 ext Andrew Martin: 'Wagner, S (2120)-Jansa, V (2494)/Differdange 2007/CBM 119 ext']

[8.Ra3 '?' Bxa3]

8...Nf5 Bangiev,Alexander J: "?!' Bangiev: '?!"

[8...Ng6 Bangiev,Alexander J: '!?' Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Schwarz sollte bestrebt sein, die Kontrolle über den e5-Raum wieder herzustellen.' 9.h4 *(9.Bd3± Nc6*

Black would like to put his ♖ here, but the 'a5-d8' is problematic. *10.Nf3 d6* Bangiev,Alexander J: '!*; 9.Nc3)* 9...h5 10.Qg3 *(10.Qe2! Nc6 11.Nf3 d6 12.exd6 Qxd6)* 10...Nc6 11.Bd3⇄ of course not: 11...Rh6 12.Nf3! d6 Bangiev,Alexander J: '!']
[8...0-0! 9.Nf3 d6!⩲]

9.Bd3 h5
[9...g6 10.Bxf5+- exf5 is weaker 11.Qf4 Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Schwarz hat Probleme die beiden Räume zu sichern.']

10.Qe2 Nc6 11.Nf3 d5 12.exd6 Kf8
[12...Nxd6 13.0-0 *(13.Bxg7 Rg8⩱* Bangiev,Alexander J: '∓' and black is still given under an unpleasant pressure. *)* 13...0-0 14.Bc2 Re8 15.d4 Bangiev,Alexander J: '↑']

13.0-0 Bxd6 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.d4 Bangiev,Alexander J: "⩱' Bangiev: '⩱" 15...b6

16.Nc3 Kg8 17.Rfe1 Bangiev,Alexander J: "±' Bangiev: '±" Fixing a weakness for black on the one hand, but also blocking own pawns on the other. Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Schwarz steht schlecht, da er vor allem über keinen sicheren Raum verfügt.' 17...Bd7 Bangiev,Alexander J: "?!' Bangiev: '?!" Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Dies leistet nichts.' 18.c5 Bangiev,Alexander J: "!' Bangiev: '!" Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Weiß öffnet vorteilhaft die d-Linie.' 18...bxc5
[18...Bf8+- I like more: ⩲19.d5!?]

19.dxc5 Bf8
[19...Bxc5 20.Rad1 Rc8 *(20...Rh6 21.Rd5)* 21.Rd2 Bangiev,Alexander J: '↑' *(21.Rd5⩱ Nb4)*]

20.Rad1 Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Die schwarze Stellung weist keine Vorposten im Zentrum auf.' 20...Rh6 21.Qc4 Qc8 22.Nd5 Rb8 with a knight on d5 black has nothing to fear from.
[22...Be6 23.Bc1 Rg6 24.Ng5⩱]

23.Bc1 Re6 24.Ng5 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Δ♘f7, Δ♕h4' 25...Be6 Bangiev,Alexander J: "?' Bangiev: '?"
[25...Nd8 Bangiev,Alexander J: '⩲']

26.Qh4 Bangiev,Alexander J: "+-' Bangiev: '+-" 26...g6 27.Nf6+ Kg7 28.Nxh5+
[28.Ngh7 Bangiev,Alexander J: '+-']

28...gxh5 29.Qxh5 ½-½ (29) Bologan,V (2669)-Macieja,B (2613) Izmir 2004 CBM 104 [Gershon,Alik] A typical situation where both sides' positions are equally bad. Bangiev,Alexander J: '29...♖b1!'

62 **3.Nc3** Bg7 4.h4!?N Have you read 'Challenging the Sicilian with 2 a3' by Alexei Bezgodov? Whether you believe or not the book contains some of the most original and remarkable analysis that you will ever see. We saw GM Cvitan dealing coolly with 2 a3 last month, but he did not have to face such naked aggression! Who knows what exactly to make of 4 h4 ? Black is thrown immediately on to his own resources. Finkel,Alexander: '?!'
[4.Bc4 is more measured, but not necessarily better: e6 5.Nge2 Nc6

A) 6.d3 Nf6 *(6...Nge7)* 7.Ba2 Finkel,Alexander: '∓' Finkel,Alexander: 'Rasmussen,P-Czibulka,Z/EU-chT4 corr8896 1988' 0-0 Finkel,Alexander: '?!' 8.0-0 b6 9.f3 Ba6=;

B) 6.0-0 Nge7 Finkel,Alexander: '∓' 7.Ba2 0-0 *(7...b6 8.d3 Bb7 9.Be3 0-0 10.d4 d5 11.exd5* Finkel,Alexander: '∞' Finkel,Alexander: 'Hort,V-Nogueiras,J/Reggio Emilia 1986' *exd5 12.Qd2 cxd4 13.Nxd4±* 1/2-1/2 Lach, B-Darga, K/Wuerttemberg 2000 *)* 8.d3 Nd4 9.Be3 h6 10.Qd2 Kh7 11.Rae1 b6 12.Ng3 Bb7 13.Nd1 d5 14.f4 f5 Finkel,Alexander: '½-½ Mossong,H-Chin,F/Dubai 1986' 15.c3 Ndc6 16.exf5 exf5 17.d4 cxd4 18.cxd4 Ng8= Kuipers, E-Degraeve, J/Gent 2001 with the idea of ...Nf6-e4]

4...Nc6 5.h5 e6 6.Nf3 Nge7 7.h6 Onward and upward. 7...Bf6 8.e5!? I guess on other moves, Black castles or goes ...d7-d5. 8...Nxe5 9.Ne4 Finkel,Alexander: 'This line is considered for ages as very good one for black. I wonder if white was unaware that it's necessary to bring black rook to g4 before retreating to h3 or it was some kind of an opening preparation!? Anyway black proved once again that his chanes in this rare variation are at least equal (if white is cautious enough). ' 9...N7c6

[The computer gives 9...Nf5 and if White has nothing better than 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 Finkel,Alexander: '∓' 11.Nxc5 Finkel,Alexander: '!?' 0-0 12.c3 d5 13.d4= then the infernal machine is probably right.]

10.Nxc5

[10.Nd6+ Kf8 Finkel,Alexander: '!?' 11.Rh3 would continue in the same obscure vein. Some calmness is needed to find a good defence: Qe7! 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Nc4 Bc7 14.Ne3 d5∓ Frankly, White's position looks like a beginner is playing.]

10...d5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bb5+ Nc6 13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.d4 0-0= Not a normal Sicilian and that is exactly what White wants. Some might prefer the Bishops, but White's pawn on h6 has a cramping influence and the Knight on c5 is pretty strong. Black should aim for ...e6-e5! as soon as he can to negate these small White advantages. Finkel,Alexander: '!' Finkel,Alexander: 'Forcing the trade of the queens after which white's chances to develop the initiative decrease move by move... ' 15.f4 Bh8 16.Be3 f6 17.0-0 e5! 18.g4 This guy is really crazy!

[18.Qf3 was more normal, if one can put it that way, after which either Rb8 *(*or *18...Bf5 19.Rac1* Finkel,Alexander: '-+' *Rb8 20.b4 a5)* 19.b4 e4 20.Qe2 f5 both keep roughly equal chances.]

18...exf4 19.Bxf4 g5! Finkel,Alexander: '-+' Finkel,Alexander: 'Black emerged out of opening complications with a pawn up, so the rest is just a matter of technique.'

20.Bg3 f5 Black is finally beginning to get ambitious and with some justification.

21.gxf5 Bxf5 22.c3 Qe8! The pawn on h6 is now officially in danger. 23.Qd2 Qg6

24.Qh2 Bd3

[24...Rae8 is natural enough too!]

25.Rxf8+ Rxf8 26.Re1 Be4 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Bf6 29.Bf2 Be7 30.Qc7 Bf8

31.Nd7 White must keep on harrying, lest his pawn drops off the board for nothing.

31...Qxh6 32.Nxf8?
[32.Qc8]
32...Qxf8?? Finkel,Alexander: 'It's interesting that the simplest winning plan in this position is by transposing to opposite color bishops ending!'
[32...Qh1+! is a BIG improvement: 33.Ke2 Qf3+
A) 34.Kf1 Qd1+ 35.Be1 Qd3+ 36.Kg1 Finkel,Alexander: '!?' Qe3+ 37.Bf2 Qc1+ 38.Kh2 *(38.Be1 Qxe1+ 39.Kh2 Qh1+ 40.Kg3 Qh4#)* 38...Qh1+ 39.Kg3 Qg2#;
B) 34.Ke1 Finkel,Alexander: 'Here it comes. Black pawns in the center are unstoppable.' 34...Bc2! 35.Bg3 Qe3+! 36.Kf1 Bd3+ 37.Kg2 Qe2+ 38.Kg1 Be4-+]
33.Qxc6 Qf4 34.Qe8+ Kg7 35.Qe7+ Kg6 36.Qe6+ Kh5 37.Qh3+ Kg6 38.Qe6+ Kh5 ' Walking the walk' can sometimes be a hair-raising experience.... ½-½ (38) Bezgodov,A (2561)-Demianjuk,A (2345) Salekhard RUS 2006 [Andrew Martin] Richard Palliser: 'a)' **3.d4** 'N' Tony Rotella: 'looks dubious, as something like 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 g6!? 3 d4 cxd4 is fairly playable for Black, and the inclusion of a3 instead of Nf3 has to favour Black somewhat. Indeed, in the only top-level game to occur in this variation, S.Williams-P.Wells, Halifax (rapid) 2004, the Ginger GM was dispatched mercilessly after' '?!' 3...cxd4 Richard Palliser: 'taking play into a line of the Morra, but with an early a3; quite possibly, though, this is best since' 4.Qxd4 Gary Lane: 'White is playing aggressively and trying to give Black new problems to solve in the opening. Lane,Gary: 'A cheeky idea is to treat the position like a Morra Gambit:'' Richard Palliser: '?!'
[Gary Lane: 'A cheeky idea is to treat the position like a Morra Gambit:' 4.c3 Andrew Martin: '!?' Andrew Martin: 'looks like a very dodgy gambit and particularly so against Magnus Carlsen.'
A) 4...d3 Gary Lane: '?!'
A1) 5.Bxd3 Bg7 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Re1N *(8.Bg5 0-0 9.Qe2 d6 10.Nbd2 Nd7 11.Rad1 b6 12.Nc4 Nc5 13.Bc2 Ba6* Andrew Martin: '=' Andrew Martin: 'But equality with bite! In view of the pin White has to be very careful.' *14.b4 Ne6 15.Bd2 Rc8 16.Bd3 d5 17.exd5 Qxd5 18.Be3 Rfd8* Andrew Martin: 'This was the type of position that I was referring to when I mentioned Black's 'playable game' in the introduction. All pieces nicely developed, no tactical problems. Carlsen went on to win. Stokke, K-Carlsen, M/Oslo 2006' *19.Nce5 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 Qe4 21.Rxd8+ Ncxd8 22.Qb5 Nb7∓* Stokke, K (2302)-Carlsen, M (2646)/Oslo 2006 The Black pawn structure is more compact. Andrew Martin: 'Stokke, K (2302)-Carlsen, M (2646)/Oslo 2006 The Black pawn structure is more compact.' *23.Bd4 Nd6 24.Qa4 Nxd4 25.cxd4 Rc7 26.Re1 Qd5 27.h3 Nb5 28.Kh1 Rc3 29.Qa6 Nxd4 30.Qxa7 Bxe5 31.Nxe5 Rxh3+ 32.Kg1 Ne2+ 33.Kf1 Nf4 34.Qb8+ Kg7 35.Nf3 Rh1+ 36.Ng1 Rxg1+ 37.Kxg1 Qxg2#* 0-1 (37) Stokke,K (2302)-Carlsen,M (2646) Oslo 2006 *)* 8...d6= If this was a Modern Defence you would wonder what the move a2-a3 was all about. That strikes me now.

By the simplest of means Black has reached a traditional, playable middlegame, avoiding all complications and can look forward to the future with confidence. Andrew Martin: 'If this was a Modern Defence you would wonder what the move a2-a3 was all about. That strikes me now. By the simplest of means Black has reached a traditional, playable middlegame, avoiding all complications and can look forward to the future with confidence.' 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 0-0 11.Nbd2 Nh5! 12.Nc4 Nf4

A1a) I must say 13.Bf1 seemed absolutely forced to me when I first saw this game, but maybe Black can get away with Andrew Martin: 'seemed absolutely forced to me when I first saw this game, but maybe Black can get away with' g5 *(13...Be6 14.Qd2 g5 15.Bg3 Nh5 16.Ne3 Qc7=)* 14.Bg3 Nh5 after that, when 15.Ne3 Nxg3 16.hxg3 e6 17.Qd2 Qc7 18.Rad1 Rd8 gives him a nice position. Counterplay follows with ...a6 and ...b5.;

A1b) 13.Ne3 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 Be6 Black has obtained the two Bishops without having to weaken his Kingside. Thus I prefer his chances. White naturally moves to put a Knight on d5 to counterbalance. Andrew Martin: 'Black has obtained the two Bishops without having to weaken his Kingside. Thus I prefer his chances. White naturally moves to put a Knight on d5 to counterbalance.' 15.Nd5 Qd7 16.Rad1 Rfe8 17.h3 Rac8 18.Qe3 b5 A minority attack will form the base of Black's future plans should the game just meander on (and White really has nothing better other than to keep a balance). Sensing this trend, Vocaturo tries to simplify. Andrew Martin: 'A minority attack will form the base of Black's future plans should the game just meander on (and White really has nothing better other than to keep a balance). Sensing this trend, Vocaturo tries to simplify.' 19.e5! Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Qxh6 Bg7 22.Qg5

A1b1) 22...Kh7!= 23.Nxe7?! Rc4 24.Nd5 *(24.Qg3 Rxe7 25.Rxd6 Qc7 26.Bxe7 Qxe7∞)* 24...Bxd5 25.Rxe8 Qxe8 26.Rxd5 Qe4 27.Bg3 Bh6 is a nice trap and should have been preferred to the somewhat dubious game move. Andrew Martin: 'is a nice trap and should have been preferred to the somewhat dubious game move.';

A1b2) 22...Rc5? 23.Nxe7+ Kf8

A1b21) I don't understand why not 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Rxd5 Qe1+ *(26...f6 27.Qd2 Rxd5 28.Qxd5 Qe1+ 29.Kh2 Qe5+ 30.Qxe5 dxe5 31.f3±)* 27.Kh2 f6 *(27...Be5+ 28.f4* hits the queen Andrew Martin: 'hits the queen' *)* 28.Qd2;

A1b22) 24.Qf4? Rxe7 25.Rxd6 Qc7 26.Bxe7+ Kxe7 27.Red1 Be5 28.Qh4+ Bf6 29.Qg3 Kf8 30.Qe3 Re5 31.Qh6+ Kg8 This all looks very time-trouble orientated. White's next move is catastrophic. Andrew Martin: 'This all looks very time-trouble orientated. White's next move is catastrophic.' 32.R6d3?? *(32.Qd2 Kg7 33.Rd4 Qc5∓)* 32...Bg5 The erratic conclusion of this game should not divert us from

the main point that 2..g6 is a very good and economical way of meeting 2 a3. Andrew Martin: 'The erratic conclusion of this game should not divert us from the main point that 2..g6 is a very good and economical way of meeting 2 a3.' 0-1 (32) Vocaturo,D (2412)-Pham Minh Hoang (2479) Rhone FRA 2008 [Andy Martin];

A2) 5.c4 Gary Lane: 'the pawn advances to make room for the queen's knight Lane,Gary: 'the pawn advances to make room for the queen's knight'' 5...Bg7 6.Bxd3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Nf3 Gary Lane: 'White is developing in the accepted fashion of a Morra Gambit player after the sacrifice has been declined. White will enjoy more space to manoeuvre his pieces but in return Black tends to be satisfied with a solid position Lane,Gary: 'White is developing in the accepted fashion of a Morra Gambit player after the sacrifice has been declined. White will enjoy more space to manoeuvre his pieces but in return Black tends to be satisfied with a solid position'' d6 9.h3 0-0 10.Be3 Bd7 11.Rc1 a6 12.0-0 Rb8 13.Qe2 *(13.b4* Gary Lane: 'would be a good choice to justify the amusing opening and gain more space Lane,Gary: 'would be a good choice to justify the amusing opening and gain more space'' *)* 13...Qa5 14.Nd5 Gary Lane: 'gave White the brighter prospects in Mufics,I-Kulcsar,M/Hungary 1995. Lane,Gary: 'gave White the brighter prospects in Mufics,I-Kulcsar,M/Hungary 1995.';

B) I can't see any reason to shy away from this, although several alternatives are quite comfortable for Black: 4...d5 ,;

C) 4...Nf6;

D) and Carlsen's 4...Bg7 5.Nf3 *(5.cxd4 d5 6.e5 Nc6 7.Nc3 Nh6)* 5...d3;

E) Andy Martin: 'Of course Black can take this pawn, entering Morra where a2-a3 is of questionable value: Andrew Martin: 'Of course Black can take this pawn, entering Morra where a2-a3 is of questionable value:'' 4...dxc3 Gary Lane: 'is the sternest test because ...g6 is much more useful than having a pawn on a3. Lane,Gary: 'is the sternest test because ...g6 is much more useful than having a pawn on a3.'' Richard Palliser: '!?' 5.Nxc3 Bg7 *(5...Nc6* is simply a standard Morra where White has substituted 2 a3 for a developing move. This cannot be good. *6.Nf3)* 6.Bc4

E1) 6...a6 7.Be3 e6 8.Na4 Qa5+ *(8...b5! 9.Nb6 bxc4 10.Nxa8 Bb7 11.Nb6 Bxe4⩱)* 9.b4 Qe5 10.Rc1 Nc6 11.Nf3 Qxe4 12.Nb6 Rb8 13.Bd3 Qg4 14.Rc4 Nd4 15.Bxd4 e5 16.Qa4 1-0 Caprio, G (2071)-Tordeur, J (1988) / Kemer TUR 2007 was not however, what the doctor ordered. Andrew Martin: '1-0 Caprio, G (2071)-Tordeur, J (1988) / Kemer TUR 2007 was not however, what the doctor ordered.';

E2) 6...Nc6 7.Nf3 Nf6 Richard Palliser: '!' Richard Palliser: '(already making good use of the inclusion of a3 and ...Nf6 over a standard fianchetto Morra; there White would usually have made a dangerous e4-e5 advance by now)'

E2a) 8.0-0 0-0∓;

E2b) 8.e5!? Ng4 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Ng5+ Kg8 11.Qxg4 Bxe5 12.0-0

d5!? *(*the calm *12...Kg7* also leaves White's compensation looking insufficient *)* 13.Qf3 Bf5 14.g4! h6! 15.gxf5 hxg5 was messy but promising for Black in B. Knoeppel-R.Bocanegra, correspondence 2005, since even the critical was messy but promising for Black in B.Knoeppel-R. Bocanegra, correspondence 2005, since even the critical 16.fxg6!? Qe8 17.Qxd5+ Kg7 leaves White's king in the greater danger.;
E2c) Richard Palliser: 'this might not convince, but otherwise' 8.h3 d6 9.0-0 0-0 Richard Palliser: 'simply gave White a pawn-down version of the Dragon in P.Klings-L.Ortega, Porto San Giorgio 2005' 10.Be3 b6 11.b4 Bb7 12.Qb3 Qb8 13.Rad1 e6 14.Ng5 Ne5 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Nxe6 Qc8 17.Nxf8+ Kxf8 18.Nb5 Qc4 Dobrov,V-Banikas,H/Korinthos 2004/ LesEchecs.com/½-½ (56)]

4...Nf6 5.Bb5 Gary Lane: 'The bishop is developed to exchange pieces if the queen's knight is moved to the c6 square. The inspiration comes from the line 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Qxd4 Nf6 and now 5 Bb5 is played. Of course, having the king's knight developed is better than being able to say you have merely advanced the a-pawn. Lane,Gary: 'The bishop is developed to exchange pieces if the queen's knight is moved to the c6 square. The inspiration comes from the line 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Qxd4 Nf6 and now 5 Bb5 is played. Of course, having the king's knight developed is better than being able to say you have merely advanced the a-pawn." Andy Martin: '!?' Tony Rotella: '!?'

[Tony Rotella: 'this is usually the way, as White can't tolerate giving Black ...Nc6 for free: for instance,' 5.Nc3

A) 5...Nc6 6.Qe3 *(*Tony Rotella: 'or' *6.Qd1 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.Nf3 d6* Tony Rotella: ', etc, with an excellent version of the Dragon' *)* 6...d5 Tony Rotella: '!';

B) 5...Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bc4 Nc6 8.Qe3 d6 9.h3 Bd7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.Ba2 Gary Lane: 'no doubt played with a smile because now the advance of the a-pawn can be justified Lane,Gary: 'no doubt played with a smile because now the advance of the a-pawn can be justified" a6 12.Rb1 b5 13.b4 Rc7 14.Bb2 Gary Lane: 'led to equal chances in Shchukin, I-Dzhupin,D/Kiev 2002. Lane, Gary: 'led to equal chances in Shchukin,I-Dzhupin,D/Kiev 2002."]

[5.e5 '?' Nc6 6.Qf4 *(6.Qc3 Ne4 7.Qe3 Qa5+)* 6...Qa5+ demonstrates the clear difference between this and a similar Open Sicilian variation: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Qxd4 Nf6 5 e5 Nc6 6 Qf4 when 6...Qa5 doesn't work. Andrew Martin: 'demonstrates the clear difference between this and a similar Open Sicilian variation: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Qxd4 Nf6 5 e5 Nc6 6 Qf4 when 6... Qa5 doesn't work.']

5...a6

[5...Nc6 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Nf3 Bg7∓]

6.e5

[6.Ba4 b5 7.Bb3 Nc6 8.Qd3 Bb7 Gary Lane: 'gives Black no openings problems but the position is roughly equal allowing White to steer the battle

towards the middlegame. Lane,Gary: 'gives Black no openings problems but the position is roughly equal allowing White to steer the battle towards the middlegame. '']

6...axb5 7.exf6 Nc6

[7...e6 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Qh4 Ra4! 10.Qg5 Re4+ 11.Be3 d5 12.Nbd2 h6 13.Qg3 Bd6]

8.Qe3 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'I prefer''

[Gary Lane: 'I prefer' 8.Qd3 Gary Lane: 'to attack the b-pawn when' exf6 9.Qxb5 Gary Lane: 'is equal.']

8...e6 Richard Palliser: 'gave Black an excellent version of the hyper-accelerated Dragon, especially after' 9.Nc3 Gary Lane: '?' Gary Lane: 'Williams is a talented international master but here he goes astray with an obvious move. Lane,Gary: 'Williams is a talented international master but here he goes astray with an obvious move.'' Richard Palliser: '?!' 9...b4 Gary Lane: '!' Gary Lane: 'The a-pawn is pinned so White has to contend with knight either meekly retreating or taking on the challenge to prove that 2 a3 was a worthwhile opening. Lane, Gary: 'The a-pawn is pinned so White has to contend with knight either meekly retreating or taking on the challenge to prove that 2 a3 was a worthwhile opening.'' Tony Rotella: '!' Richard Palliser: '!' Richard Palliser: 'which neatly exploited the pinned a-pawn in S.Williams-P.Wells, British Rapidplay Championship, Halifax 2004' 10.Nb5 bxa3 11.bxa3 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'If''

[Gary Lane: 'If' 11.Nxa3 Gary Lane: 'then' b5 Gary Lane: 'threatens to repeat the threat of using the pin on the a-file to good effect. Lane,Gary: 'threatens to repeat the threat of using the pin on the a-file to good effect.'']

11...Qa5+ Tony Rotella: '!' 12.Nc3 Bc5 Gary Lane: 'It is natural to gain time by developing a piece to attack the white queen but it is not the best choice in the circumstances. Lane,Gary: 'The star move is''

[Gary Lane: 'The star move is' 12...Nb4 Gary Lane: '!' Gary Lane: 'when' 13.Qd2 *(13.Qe2 Nd5* Gary Lane: 'wins a piece' *)* 13...Bh6 Gary Lane: '!' Gary Lane: 'is probably the move which Wells missed when calculating the line. Lane,Gary: 'is probably the move which Wells missed when calculating the line.'' 14.Qxh6 Nxc2+ 15.Kd1 Qxc3 16.Rb1 Nxa3 Gary Lane: 'and Black is clearly winning. Lane,Gary: 'and Black is clearly winning.'']

13.Qd3 Ne5 14.Qg3 Gary Lane: '?!' Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'It is ugly but''

[Gary Lane: 'It is ugly but' 14.Qd2 Gary Lane: 'is marginally better although Black is still on top. Lane,Gary: 'is marginally better although Black is still on top.'']

14...Ng4 Tony Rotella: '!' Tony Rotella: '.' 15.Nh3 Ne3 Gary Lane: '!' Gary Lane: 'A delightful move which cuts across the white queen's defence of the queen's knight which spells doom and gloom for Williams. Lane,Gary: 'A delightful move which cuts across the white queen's defence of the queen's knight which spells doom and gloom for Williams.'' 16.Bxe3 Qxc3+ 17.Ke2 Qxc2+ Williams,S-Wells,P/Halifax 2004/LesEchecs.com/0-1 18.Kf3 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'Or''

[Gary Lane: 'Or' 18.Bd2 Qe4+ 19.Kf1 d6 Gary Lane: 'is not much fun for White.']

18...b6 Gary Lane: 'Wells introduces the prospect of the light-squared bishop strutting on the h1-a8 diagonal with deadly effect. Lane,Gary: 'Wells introduces the prospect of the light-squared bishop strutting on the h1-a8 diagonal with deadly effect." 19.Qf4 Ra4 Gary Lane: 'A nice touch which indicates the full extent of White's plight because the rook will cut off the king from hiding on the fourth rank. Lane,Gary: 'A nice touch which indicates the full extent of White's plight because the rook will cut off the king from hiding on the fourth rank." 20.Qg5 Qe4+ 21.Kg3 h6 0-1 (21) Krasenkow,M (2473)-Ulibin Kontic (2504) ChessPub Guide 2004 200 Traps In The Opening [Elburg, CCYB]

RR Richard Palliser: 'c)' **3.Bc4** Nc6

[3...Bg7

A) 4.f4 (playing for a Grand Prix set-up is one of White's better ideas, if still not great) Nc6 *(4...e6!? 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.Nf3 d5 7.Ba2* might transpose, but Black has other options, including *dxe4 8.Nxe4 b6)* 5.Nf3 e6 6.Nc3 (we've now transposed to a different type of Grand Prix Attack to those seen in Chapter Four; White is, however, committed to a very early a3 which gives Black easy play) Nge7 7.0-0 d5 8.Ba2 dxe4 9.Nxe4 0-0 10.Kh1 b6 already left Black slightly for choice (the superior bishops) in T.Haub-S. Savchenko, Metz 2007. already left Black slightly for choice (the superior bishops) in T.Haub-S. Savchenko, Metz 2007.;

B) 4.h4 This is played a lot in blitz and was played by Nepo against Gelfand in an Online Rapid event. Is played a lot in blitz and was played by Nepo against Gelfand in an Online Rapid event. 4...Nf6 This is the most critical.

B1) 5.e5 Ng8 6.Qf3 e6 7.Qe2 *(7.Qe3 Nc6 8.Nf3 Nge7! 9.Qxc5 b6 10.Qe3 Nf5)* 7...Nc6 8.Nf3 Nd4! 9.Nxd4 cxd4;

B2) 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.h5 Nxh5 7.Rxh5 This only works in fairy tales CCStartBracketCCand sometimes online bullet!CCEndBracketCC. gxh5 8.Qxh5 Ne5 9.Ba2 d6 And the exchange was sacrificed for nothing here. Various Nd Moves-N,N]

4.Nc3 Bg7 Richard Palliser: 'rather than here' 5.d3

[5.f4 ,]

5...d6

[5...e6 6.Ba2 *(6.h4 Nf6!; 6.f4?! Nge7!)* 6...Nge7 7.h4

A) 7...h5 8.Bg5 d6 *(8...b5!? 9.Nxb5 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Rb8)* 9.Qd2 Chapter-1. e4 c5 2. a3 + the rest [Gotham];

B) 7...h6 8.h5 g5 9.f4 gxf4 10.Bxf4 Qa5 *(10...d6 11.Qd2)* 11.Qd2±]

6.Bg5

[6.f4 Nf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 There are kingside attacking possibilities here -- pushing f5, playing Qe1/Qh4, etc. Always remember that sliding the Bc4 back to a2 is a good prophylactic move.]

6...Nf6 7.h4 is a typical idea, but here it does not correspond well with White's previous and especially his next move.

[7.Nge2 0-0 8.Qd2 a6 9.0-0 b5 10.Ba2 and it makes sense to block the

diagonal by e6! , which is also taking the d5-square under control with advancing to it in mind. *(*Black had initially ignored the light-squared bishop - *10...Bb7* Richard Palliser: 'with quite a comfortable game for Black in T.Johansson-R. Palliser, Cork 2005' *11.Bh6 Nd4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Ng3 e5 14.Rae1 Ne6 15.Nce2* and *d5* seemed to take over the initiative in Johansson - Palliser, Cork, 2005, but after *16.f4 dxe4 17.fxe5 Ng4* he could regret in case of *18.h3! Nxe5 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Rxf8 Qxf8 21.Nf4!⩲ /± ⧋Kg8 22.Nxe4 Qe7 23.b4)* 11.Qf4 Nh5 12.Qh4 Bf6 13.f4 Bxg5 14.Qxg5 Qxg5 15.fxg5 Bd7=]

7...h6 8.Bf4 '?!' 8...a6 9.Nge2 b5 10.Ba2 e6 11.Ng3 Bb7 12.Nce2 d5 '!' A logical reaction to opponent's slow regrouping - 13.c3 dxe4 14.dxe4 c4 15.h5 '?' 15...g5 16.Be3 Ne5 with clear Black's advantage in Bezgodov - Alekseev, Khanty-Mansiysk, 2013 17.0-0 Nxe4 Bezgodov,A (2482)-Alekseev,E (2698) Khanty-Mansiysk 2013 ½-½ (47)

3.c3 Tony Rotella: 'looks like White's going to end up in a worse version of the Alapin, since a3 is mostly useless, while ...g6 is not. Peter Heine Nielsen once faced it in a simul, play continuing' 3...Nf6

[3...d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Bg7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.Be3 Qa5 9.Bc4 Nf6 10.Nbd2 0-0 with an easy game for Black in H.Grabner-A.Gysi, correspondence 2005.]

4.e5 Nd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.f4 Tony Rotella: '!?'

[Tony Rotella: 'better would have been' 7.Nf3 Tony Rotella: ', though even after' Bg7 8.Bc4 Nb6 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.0-0 0-0 Tony Rotella: 'both' 11.Re1 *(*Tony Rotella: 'and' *11.h3 dxe5 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Nxe5 c5* Tony Rotella: '!' *)* 11...Bg4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 Tony Rotella: 'leave White under some central pressure']

7...Bg7 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bd2 Tony Rotella: '?!' 9...Bg4 10.Bc4 dxe5 11.dxe5 0-0 12.0-0 Qb6+ 13.Kh1 Rad8 14.Bxd5 Rxd5 15.Nc3 Rd3 Tony Rotella: 'by when White was clearly much worse.'

[63] **3...h5!** Safarli,E: '*"* Bangiev,Alexander J: "!' * Bangiev: '!"' Richard Palliser: 'as the inclusion of h4 and ...h5 leaves White weaker on the kingside in the long term, this might not be best; alternatively,' 4.Nc3

[Richard Palliser: 'and' 4.d4 Safarli,E: 'N!?' Richard Palliser: '!?' cxd4 5.Qxd4 *(5.c3 dxc3 6.Nxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 Nc6 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Bf4 d6 10.Ng5 0-0 11.0-0 a6 12.Qd2 Nh7* Richard Palliser: 'didn't give White much of an improved version of variation 'a' in K.Lie-R.Djurhuus, Norwegian Championship, Sandnes 2005' *13.Nd5* Lutton,J (2472)-G6 Ideas (2461) Villa Clara 2005 Telechess CBM 89 [Fleetwood; Fritz7] Safarli,E: '⩱' *)* 5...Nf6 Jonathan Rowson: 'is now absolutely fine for Black. It is by no means immediately obvious that White gains anything from having his pawn on a3.' 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Qd3 Bg7 8.Nf3 d6 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Bf4 Nd7 Safarli,E: '∓']

[4.b4 Bangiev: 'N?!"Bangiev,Alexander J: "N?!' Bangiev: 'N?!"' Bg7 5.Nc3

A) 5...Nf6 6.bxc5 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 Bxa1 8.c3 d5 9.Ng5;

B) Richard Palliser: 'just as in our main line, Black can also prefer' 5...d6

Richard Palliser: ', as indeed Williams himself later did:' 6.bxc5 *(6.Rb1 Nc6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.d3 0-0 9.Be2 Ng4!* gave Black good play in F.Aleskerov-S. Williams, European Championship, Kusadasi 2006 *)* 6...dxc5 7.Nf3;
C) 5...Nc6 6.bxc5 Bxc3 7.dxc3 Qa5 8.Qd3 Qxc5;
D) 5...b6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Ng5 Bangiev: '?!' Bangiev: 'Bangiev,Alexander J: '?!' '?!" Richard Palliser: '?!' Bangiev: 'Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Dieser Vorstoß stellt eine Einzelaktion dar, der Angriff auf das Feld f7 ist damit nicht geplant." *(7.Rb1* Bangiev: '⌓' *)* 7...0-0 8.Rb1 *(8.Bc4* Bangiev: '?!' *Nc6)* 8...Nc6 *(8...d6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Qf3)* 9.g3 *(9.Bc4* Bangiev: '?!' *e6* Bangiev: '∆d5'*; 9.Be2 d5)* 9...d5 Bangiev: '∓!"Bangiev,Alexander J: '!' '!' '!' Bangiev,Alexander J: "∓' Bangiev: '∓" RR: '∓' '∓" Richard Palliser: 'saw Black logically expanding in the centre with advantage in S.Williams-I.Khairullin, European Championship, Warsaw 2005.' *(9...d6)* 10.Bg2 Bg4 *(10...d4 11.e5)* 11.f3 Bc8 Bangiev: '∓' Bangiev: '∆d4' 12.bxc5 *(12.0-0 d4* Bangiev: '∓' *)* 12...bxc5 13.exd5 Bangiev: 'Verhindert d4, bringt aber die schwarzen Steine gut ins Spiel' *(13.d3* Bangiev: '⌓' *d4 14.Ne2)* 13...Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 Bangiev: '∓' 15.0-0 *(15.d3 c4)* 15...Qa2 16.Rb3 Bangiev: '□' Nd4 *(16...c4 17.Rc3; 16...Bd4+ 17.Kh1 c4 18.Rc3 Bxc3 19.dxc3 Rd8 20.Qe1 Bf5 21.g4* Bangiev: '⇄' *)* 17.Rb2 Bangiev: '□' Ne2+ 18.Qxe2 Bxb2 19.Bxb2 Qxb2 20.Qxe7 Qd4+ 21.Kh2 Bf5 Bangiev: '∓' 22.c3 Qxd2 23.Qxc5 Rfc8 24.Qe7 Qd7 25.Qe3 Rc4 26.Re1 Rac8 27.Qe5 Qc7 28.f4 Qxe5 29.fxe5 Rxc3 30.Bd5 R8c7 31.e6 fxe6 32.Bxe6+ Bxe6 33.Rxe6 Kg7 34.Ra6 Rb7 35.Ne6+ Kh8 36.Rd6 Rb2+ 37.Kh3 Rc1 Roos (2466)-Svendsen (2517) Sao Paulo 2005 Telechess CBM 89 [Siaperas]'0-1 (37) Williams,S (2466)-Khairullin,I (2517) Warsaw 2005 CBM 108 [Bangiev] Bangiev, Alexander J: 'Bangiev: '0-1 (37) Williams,S (2466)-Khairullin,I (2517) Warsaw 2005 CBM 108 [Bangiev]'"]

4...Bg7 Richard Palliser: 'we're back in the notes to White's 4th in our last variation.'

5.Bc4

[5.Nh3 Nc6 6.g3 d6 7.Bg2 Bg4 Richard Palliser: '!?' 8.f3 Bd7 9.d3 Rb8 10.0-0 b5 Richard Palliser: 'gave Black good Closed Sicilian counterplay in I. Nemet-V.Milov, Baden 1998,' 11.Nd5 e6 12.Ne3 e5 13.Nd5 Nce7 14.Ne3 Nh6 Bangiev: '0-1 Nemet,I-Milov,V/Baden 1998/CBM 064 ext (38)']

5...Nc6 6.Nge2 d6 7.d3 Nf6 8.Bg5 a6 9.Qd2 b5 10.Ba2 0-0 * 11.Nd1N

[11.Nf4 Kh7 *(11...e6!? 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Nce2 a5∓)* 12.f3 b4! *(12...Nd4!? 13.Nce2 Nxe2 14.Nxe2 Rb8∞; 12...Nd7!? 13.Bd5 Bb7 14.0-0 Nb6∞)* 13.axb4 cxb4 14.Nce2 *(14.Nd1?! Qa5! 15.Ne3 b3! 16.Qxa5 Nxa5 17.Bxb3 Nxb3 18.cxb3 Rb8 19.Nfd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 f6 21.Bd2 Rxb3 22.Nxe7 Bb7 23.Kd1 Rxb2∓)* 14...Qa5! 15.Kf2 *(15.Nxg6?! fxg6 16.Bg8+ Nxg8 17.Rxa5 Nxa5 18.Qxb4 Nc6 19.Qa3 Rb8 20.b3 a5∓)* 15...b3! 16.Qxa5□ Nxa5 17.Bxb3 *(17.cxb3 Nc6 18.d4 Ng8 19.Nd5 e6 20.Nb6 Rb8 21.Nxc8 Rfxc8 22.Rad1 d5 23.exd5 exd5 24.Rd2 Nge7=)* 17...Nxb3 18.cxb3 Rb8 19.Nc1 Ng8! ChessCalisthenics: 'N' 20.Nd5 Bxb2 *(20...e6!? 21.Nc3 f5! 22.Re1 Nf6 23.exf5 gxf5∞)* 21.Rb1 Bd4+ 22.Be3 Bxe3+ *(22...Bg7?! 23.Ne2 Be6 24.Nc7 Rfc8*

25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.d4 d5 27.e5 Nh6 28.Bg5±) 23.Kxe3 Be6 *(23...Bb7! 24.Nc3 f5 25.b4 e5 26.N1e2 Nf6!∞)* 24.Nc7 Rfc8 25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.Ne2 Nf6?! *(26...Kg7! 27.Rhc1 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 e5 29.Rc3 Nf6 30.d4 exd4+ 31.Nxd4 e5 32.Ne6+ Kf7 33.Nc7 a5 34.Kd3 Rb7 35.g3 Ke7=)* 27.Rhc1 Rxc1 28.Rxc1! *(28.Nxc1?! e5 29.Ne2 Kg7=)* 28...e5 *(28...Rxb3?! 29.Rc7 Ng8 30.Nd4 Rb2 31.Nxe6 Rxg2 32.Nf4 Rh2 33.Nd5 Rxh4 34.Nxe7 Nxe7 35.Rxe7+ Kh6 36.Rd7 Rh1 37.Rxd6 Ra1 38.d4 h4 39.Kf4±)* 29.Rc7 Ng8 *(29...Rxb3?! 30.Rxe7+ Kg8 31.Re6 Kf7 32.Rxd6 a5 33.Ra6±)* 30.Nc1 [♖ 9/h] a5! *(30...Kg7? 31.Ra7! Rb6 32.Kd2±)* 31.Ra7 Rb5 32.g4 *(32.Kd2 Kg7 33.Kc3 Rc5+ 34.Kb2 Kf7 35.Ne2 Ke6 36.Nc3 Nf6 37.Na4 Rb5 38.Nc3 Rc5=)* 32...g5!! 33.hxg5 h4 34.Rc7

A) 34...Kg6!? 35.Rc8 Rc5 36.Rxg8+ Kh7 37.Re8 Rxc1 38.Rxe7+ Kg6 39.Re8!±;

B) 34...h3 35.Kf2 a4

B1) 36.bxa4?? Rb2+ 37.Kg1 h2+ 38.Kh1 Kg6!! 39.Rc8 Kxg5!! 40.Rxg8+ Kf4 41.g5 Kg3 42.Rc8 Rf2 43.Ne2+ Rxe2 44.Rc1 Ra2 45.g6 Rxa4 46.g7 Ra8 47.Rb1! e6! 48.Re1 d5 49.exd5! *(49.Rd1? Rg8! 50.Rd2 Kxf3 51.Rg2 dxe4 52.dxe4 Kxe4 53.Kxh2 Kf5 54.Kg1 Kf6 55.Kf1 Rxg7∓)* 49...exd5 50.Rd1 Rg8 51.Rd2 Kxf3 52.Rg2 Ke3 53.Rg3+ Kf4 54.Kxh2 Kf5 55.Kh3 Kf6 56.Rf3+ Kxg7 *(56...Ke6 57.Rg3)* 57.Rg3+ Kf7 58.Rxg8 Kxg8 59.Kg4=;

B2) 36.Rc3! a3 37.Kg3 Rc5 38.Rc4 Kg6 39.b4 Rxc4 40.dxc4 e6 41.b5 Ne7 42.b6 Nc6 43.b7 Kxg5 44.Kxh3 Nb8 45.Kg3+-;

C) 34...Rb8!? 35.d4

C1) 35...exd4+ 36.Kxd4 h3

C1a) 37.Rc2 Rc8!! 38.Rh2 *(38.Rxc8 h2-+)* 38...Rxc1 39.Rxh3+ Kg7-+;

C1b) 37.Nd3 Rxb3 38.Rc1 e5+ 39.Ke3 Kg6 40.Rh1 Kxg5 41.Rxh3 Nf6∓;

C2) 35...Kg6? 36.dxe5 dxe5 37.Rc5 h3! 38.Kf2 *(38.Rc2? Kxg5∓)* 38...a4!

C2a) 39.bxa4? Rb2+

C2a1) 40.Kg1 Kxg5 41.Rc8 Kh4!! 42.Rxg8 Kg3 43.Rd8 Rg2+ 44.Kh1= *(44.Kf1?? h2 45.Rh8 Rg1+ 46.Ke2 Rxc1-+)*;

C2a2) 40.Ne2! e6 41.Rc1 Ne7 42.Rh1 Nc6! 43.Ke3 Rb3+ 44.Kf2 Rb2=;

C2b) 39.Nd3!

C2b1) 39...Rxb3! 40.Nxe5+ Kxg5 41.Kg3 Nf6 42.Nc6+ Kg6 43.Rc4 *(43.Nxe7+ Kf7)* 43...a3 44.Nxe7+ Kf7 45.Nf5 a2 46.Rc7+ *(46.Ra4? Nxe4+! 47.Kxh3 Rxf3+ 48.Kh4 Rf2-+)* 46...Kf8 *(46...Ke8!? 47.Nd6+ Kd8 48.Ra7 Nxg4 49.Nf7+ Ke8 50.Kxh3 Rxf3+ 51.Kxg4 Rxf7 52.Rxa2=)* 47.Rc8+ Kf7=;

C2b2) 39...h2?! 40.Kg2 Rxb3! *(40...axb3 41.Nxe5+ Kg7 42.Rc1□*

Rb5 43.f4 e6 44.Kxh2 Ne7 45.Nd3±) 41.Nxe5+ Kxg5 42.Nc4+ *(42.Kxh2 Kf4!=)* 42...Kf6?? *(42...Kg6? 43.Kxh2±; 42...Kh6!! 43.Ra5 Rb4 44.Ne3 Rb2+ 45.Kh1 Ra2∞)* 43.Rf5+! Kg7! *(43...Ke6? 44.Ra5! Rxf3?? 45.Ra6+! Kf7 46.Ne5+ Kg7 47.Nxf3+-)*

C2b21) 44.Ra5 Rxf3! 45.Kxh2 *(45.Rxa4? Rf2+! 46.Kh1 Nf6∓)* 45...Nf6 46.Rxa4 Nxe4=;

C2b22) 44.g5 a3 45.Ra5 *(45.Ne5? Rb6!! 46.Rf7+ Kh8 47.g6 Nf6-+)* 45...Rxf3 46.Kxh2 Rf4 47.Nxa3 Rxe4=;

C2b23) 44.Kxh2 Rc3! 45.Ne5 a3?? *(45...Nh6?! 46.Rg5+ Kf8 47.Ng6+ Kf7 48.Nh4 Ng8 49.Ra5 a3 50.g5 Rc2+ 51.Kg3 a2 52.f4±; 45...Nf6! 46.g5 a3 47.gxf6+ exf6)* 46.g5?? *(46.Rf7+! Kh6 47.f4 Nf6 48.g5+ Kh5 49.gxf6 Rc2+ 50.Kg3 Rc3+ 51.Kf2 Rc2+ 52.Ke3 Rc3+ 53.Kd2+-)* 46...Nf6! 47.gxf6+ exf6 48.Nd7?? *(48.Ng4!! a2 49.Ra5 Rxf3 50.Kg2! Rf4 51.Nf2 f5 52.Kg3!+-)* 48...Rc7! 49.Nxf6? *(49.Nc5! a2 50.Ne6+ Kf7 51.Nxc7 a1Q 52.Nd5±)* 49...Ra7 50.Nh5+ Kh6 51.Rd5 a2 52.Rd1 a1Q?! *(52...Kxh5! 53.Ra1 Kg5 54.Kg3 Ra3! 55.Kf2 Kf4 56.Ke2 Ke5 57.Kd2 Rxf3 58.Kc2=)* 53.Rxa1 Rxa1 54.Nf4 Kg5 55.Kg3 Ra3 56.Nh3+ Kf6 57.Kf4 Ra4 58.Nf2 Ke6 59.Nd3 Rc4 ChessCalisthenics: 'Gelfand,B (2690)-Illescas Cordoba,M (2615)/Wijk aan Zee 1993/CBM 034/ 1-0 (40)' 60.Kg4 Rd4 61.Nf2 Rd2 62.Kg3 Ke5 63.f4+ Kd4 64.e5 Kd5 65.Kf3 Ke6 66.Ne4 Rd5 67.Ng5+ ½-½ (67) Dobrov,V (2535)-Safarli,E (2335) Abu Dhabi 2005 CI1-130 [Safarli,E] *(67.Ng5+ Kf5 68.e6 Rd3+ 69.Ke2 Rd8 70.Nf7 Ra8 71.e7=)*]

11...Kh7 12.Ne3 Qa5 13.c3

[13.Qxa5!? Nxa5 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Nd5±]

13...b4? Dobrov,V (2535)-Karavade,E (2370) Abu Dhabi 2005 CI1-130 [Safarli,E]

[13...b4 14.axb4 cxb4 15.0-0±]

[13...e6! 14.0-0 Bb7=]

3...Bg7 4.h5 d5

[Believe it or not there is a Grandmaster example to show: 4...Nc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 White has to get some pieces out sometime. Nd4 7.d3 Bg4!? 8.f3 *(8.Qxg4 Nxc2+ 9.Kd1 Nxa1 10.Bb5+* is tempting, but after *Kf8* White really has nothing. Andrew Martin: 'White really has nothing.' *)* 8...Be6 9.Nge2

A) Just 9...Bxc4 10.dxc4 Nxe2 11.Nxe2 *(11.Qxe2? Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qa5 13.Qd3 gxh5 14.Rxh5 Nf6∓)* 11...Qb6 was indicated and Black is completely OK. Andrew Martin: 'was indicated and Black is completely OK.';

B) 9...gxh5?! Why, apart from a perverse desire to meet fire with fire? Andrew Martin: 'Why, apart from a perverse desire to meet fire with fire?' 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.Ne2 Rc8 13.Rxh5 Nf6 14.Rg5 Bh6 15.Rg3 Bxc1 16.Qxc1 Qa5+ 17.Qd2 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 e5 19.c3± Dobrov, V-Sutovsky, E/playchess.com INT 2006]

5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Nc3 Qd8 7.Bc4 I am not really scoffing at this play in fact I admire

White's originality. I like the approach of tearing up the theoretical handbooks and starting again. Certainly Black must be very careful now. He must stick to his guns and focus on d4, as in many Sicilian structures. Andrew Martin: 'I am not really scoffing at this play in fact I admire White's originality. I like the approach of tearing up the theoretical handbooks and starting again. Certainly Black must be very careful now. He must stick to his guns and focus on d4, as in many Sicilian structures.' 7...Nc6 8.Nf3 e6

[8...Bg4?? 9.Bxf7+]

[I prefer 8...Nh6 enabling ...Bg4: 9.d3 Bg4 10.Be3 Nd4!]

9.d3 gxh5? Why do they do this? Sutovsky before him too? What are Black's plans for his King? Andrew Martin: 'Why do they do this? Sutovsky before him too? What are Black's plans for his King?'

[Perhaps he just doesn't like 9...Nge7 10.Ne4 b6 11.h6±]

[9...Qa5 10.Bd2 Qc7 11.Nb5 Qd8 12.Bc3! Bxc3+ 13.Nxc3 g5 14.Bb5±]

10.Be3 Nd4 11.Ng5

[11.Ne4! is also very strong. Nf6 12.Nxc5! Nf5 13.Bg5 Nd6 14.Qe2±]

11...Nf6 12.Nge4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 b6 14.Bf4± The opening has been a complete success for White. Black's pawns are fractured and his King is vulnerable. Andrew Martin: 'The opening has been a complete success for White. Black's pawns are fractured and his King is vulnerable.' 14...Nf5 15.Qxh5 Bxb2

16.Rb1 Bd4 17.c3 Bg7 18.g4!+- Game Over 18...Qe7

[18...Ne7 19.Nd6+ Kd7 20.Bb5+ Kc7 21.Nxf7+]

19.gxf5 exf5 20.Bxf7+! Kd7

[20...Kd8 21.Bg5]

21.Qxf5+ Kd8 22.Qd5+ Qd7 23.Qxa8

[If we are going to split hairs Andrew Martin: 'If we are going to split hairs' 23.Qg5+ was even better: Qe7 24.Qxg7 Rf8 25.Bg5]

23...Qxf7 24.Qxc8+ Kxc8 25.Nd6+ At first sight, a complete rout, which is not much better at second or third sight either. But average players the world over are craving for something fresh against the Sicilian and 2 a3 certainly fits the bill! Andrew Martin: 'At first sight, a complete rout, which is not much better at second or third sight either. But average players the world over are craving for something fresh against the Sicilian and 2 a3 certainly fits the bill!' 1-0 (25) Marusenko,P (2330)-Burdalev,K (2182) Kyiv UKR 2007 [Andrew Martin]

3...Nf6 Both stopping h5 and attacking e4. Another practical game saw White win after '!' 4.e5 What else?

[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.h5 Nxh5 6.Rxh5 gxh5 7.Qxh5 although Black is on the verge of winning, lets say d6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Bc4 e6 and there is little to no compensation for the exchange. Black must have been first stunned by White's insolent sacrifice and then surprised the game would not win itself - therefore he played carelessly and eventually even lost. There is still some technical work to be done, although Black is on the verge of winning. 2. 2nd Move Options #2-2nd Move Options (2. a3): #1]

4...Nh5 White is overextended, for example Black is already much better after this move. 5.Be2
[5.b4 d6 6.exd6 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0]
[5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.g4 Nf4 8.d4? cxd4 9.Bxf4 dxc3]
5...Nc6 A very counter-intuitive way of playing but the one that secures Black a big edge. Everything else would give away a part of the advantage. 6.Bxh5 gxh5
7.Qxh5 Taking the pawn is, as usual, critical but White is in big trouble. 7...Nd4 when it is only a matter of time before Black restores the material balance while his lead in development is an obvious big plus. 8.Qd1 Qc7 9.Nf3 Bg7
2. 2nd Move Options #2-2nd Move Options (2. a3): #2
[9...Rg8 White can't keep his position together, for example 10.g3 ?? Qc6 ∓
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64 **8.d3** Nh6 9.Bf4 Qd7 10.h5 e5
[10...Nd4 11.Qd2=]
11.Bg5 f6 12.Bd2 Qe7 13.b4 cxb4 14.axb4 Nxb4 15.Qb1 Nc6 16.Bc1 Qb4
17.Bb2 Be6 Bezgodov,A (2558)-Khismatullin,D (2548) Ishevsk 2005 0-1 (33) 18.Rh4 Qb6 19.Na4 Qc7 20.Nc5 Bd5 21.Ba3
[21.c4 Bf7∓]
21...b6
[21...Nf5!? 22.Rg4 Ncd4 23.Nxd4 Nxd4∓]
22.Na6 Les blancs piègent le roi au centre 22...Qd7 23.Qb5 Rc8 24.c4 Bxf3
25.Bxf3 Nf5 26.Bg4
[26.Bxc6!? Qxc6 27.Qxc6+ Rxc6 28.Rh3∓]
26...Qxd3-+ 27.Bxf5 gxf5 28.Rh3 Qd7 29.h6 Bf8 30.Bxf8 Rxf8 31.Rg3
[⌓31.Nb4!? Na5 32.Rd1 Qxb5 33.cxb5-+]
31...Nd4-+ 32.Qb1
[32.Qxd7+ Kxd7 33.Rc3 Rg8-+]
32...Qf7
[32...Rxc4?! 33.Rg7 Qc6 34.Kf1-+]
33.Ra4
[33.Qa2 ne sauve rien Rg8 34.Rg7 Rxg7 35.hxg7 Qxg7-+]
33...Qh5 0-1 (33) Bezgodov,A (2558)-Khismatullin,D (2548) Ishevsk 2005 LesEchecs [LesEchecs.com]
[33...Qh5 34.Qd1 Qh1+ 35.Kd2 Qxh6+ 36.Kc3 b5-+]

65 **3...cxb4** '?!' 4.axb4 Bg7 5.d4 '!' 5...Nc6
[5...e6 6.Nf3 Ne7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.e5 '±']
[5...d6 6.Nf3 Nf6 *(6...Bg4 7.Be3* '↑' *)* 7.Bd3 0-0 *(7...Bg4 8.Be3 0-0 9.Nbd2)* 8.0-0 Nc6 9.c3 '⩲']
6.c3 e6
[6...d5 7.b5 Na5 '?' 8.exd5 b6 9.c4 Nb7 10.Nf3 '+-']
7.Nf3 d5 8.e5 Nge7 9.h4 f6 10.b5 Na5 11.h5 '±'

3...b6 4.Bb2 Nf6
[4...f6 5.Nf3
A) 5...e5 '?' 6.Bc4
A1) 6...Bb7 7.0-0 Bxe4 '?' 8.Re1 d5 9.Nxe5 '!' fxe5 10.Bxe5 Nf6 11.Bxd5 '+-';
A2) 6...cxb4 7.d4 d6 '?' *(7...bxa3 8.Nxa3* '±' *)* 8.Bd5 '+-';
A3) 6...Nc6 7.0-0 cxb4 8.d4;
B) 5...Bg7 6.d4 cxd4 *(6...Bb7 7.dxc5 Bxe4 8.Bc4* '±' *)* 7.Nxd4 Bb7 8.Bc4 Nh6 *(8...Bxe4* '?' *9.0-0 Bb7 10.Re1 Nc6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Nc3* '⩲' *)* 9.0-0 Nf7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.b5 a6 12.a4 '⩱']
5.e5 Nd5
[5...Ne4 '?' 6.f4 Bg7 7.Ra2 cxb4 8.axb4 Nc6 9.d3 Nxb4 10.Ra4 '+-']
[5...Ng8 '?' 6.Qf3 Nc6 7.b5 '+-']
[5...Nh5 '?' 6.Qf3 Nc6 7.b5 '+-']
6.Qf3 Nc7
[6...e6 7.Nc3 '↑'
A) 7...Bb7 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Bxd5 Qe7 11.Kf1 '±!?' Bg7 '?' *(11...0-0-0 12.b5 Na5 13.Bxb7+ Nxb7 14.e6 Bh6 15.Bxh8 Rxh8 16.Qxf7* '+-' *)* 12.b5 '+-';
B) 7...Nc7 '?' 8.Ne4 Be7 9.Nd6+ '+-']
7.h4 '!?' 7...Bg7 8.h5 d5 9.hxg6 hxg6 10.e6 f6 11.Rxh8+ Bxh8 12.Bd3 Bxe6 13.Bxg6+ Bf7 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Ne2 '↑'

[66] **4.Ra2** d5
[4...d6 5.Bb2 Nf6 6.bxc5 dxc5 7.e5 Nd5 8.c4 Nc7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 Bf5∓]
5.Bb5+
[5.bxc5 dxe4 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Nge2 Na6 8.Ng3 Nxc5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Qe2 0-0∓]
5...Nc6 6.f3 Nf6 7.e5 Nd7 8.f4 cxb4 9.Nf3 Qb6 10.Qe2 a6 11.Bxc6 bxc6∓

[67] **4...b6** Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: '!?' Andy Martin: '!' Andy Martin: 'illustrates a basic principle in this variation that Black should not take on b4 when he fianchettos his Bishop on g7, but instead should let White take on c5 if he so desires. The b file can usually be employed more profitably by Black! Andrew Martin: 'illustrates a basic principle in this variation that Black should not take on b4 when he fianchettos his Bishop on g7, but instead should let White take on c5 if he so desires. The b file can usually be employed more profitably by Black!" Rowson: 'is also very solid. I don't have the book at hand but I know that Solosovski covers this move and I remember thinking that the line he gave contained a couple of gratuitous errors from Black and thus ended with an edge for White. However, looking at the position here, there is no reason why Black should have any problems. Rowson,Jonathan: 'is also very solid. I don't have the book at hand but I know that Solosovski covers this move and I remember

thinking that the line he gave contained a couple of gratuitous errors from Black and thus ended with an edge for White. However, looking at the position here, there is no reason why Black should have any problems." Richard Palliser: 'Black is happy to see the b-file open, because once his kingside is developed, he will be well placed to contest it.' Richard Palliser: 'b)' 5.Nf3

[5.g3 ChessBase II: 'N' Richard Palliser: 'The fact that White has tried a number of alternatives here suggests that he is struggling to find a good plan:'

A) 5...Bb7 6.Bg2 d6 *(6...d5* '!' *7.exd5 Nf6* '⇄' *)* 7.Nge2 Nd7 8.0-0 e6 9.f4 Ne7 10.Rb1 0-0 11.Bb2 a6 12.g4 f5∞;

B) Another effective kingside development is The choice of a player happy with a Botvinnik set-up. Another effective kingside development is 5...e6 and ...Ne7; compare with note 'c' to White's 5th move.;

C) 5...e5 Richard Palliser: '!?' Richard Palliser: 'The choice of a player happy with a Botvinnik set-up.' 6.Bg2 Ne7 7.Nge2 Une ligne secondaire un peu douteuse Nbc6 8.Rb1 0-0 9.d3 d6?! ChessBase II: '=' 10.0-0 Nd4 Richard Palliser: 'This positionally complex, but roughly even position was reached in D.Collas-I.Nataf, French League 2005. The 2 a3 bubble appears to be bursting, due in no small part to the two systems considered here. After 2... g6 White has tried a number of approaches, but none should cause Black to lose any sleep or need anything more than common sense to counter.' *(10...Be6∞)* 11.bxc5 bxc5 12.f4 Be6 13.f5 gxf5 14.exf5!? Bxf5 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Be6 *(17...Bh3 18.Bxa8 Qxa8* ChessBase II: '⩲' *19.Rf2)* 18.Bxa8↑ Qxa8 19.Qh5 Qd5 20.Bh6 f6

C1) 21.Rf2 Bd7!? 22.Bxg7!? ½-½ Malakhov,V (2679)-Grischuk,A (2717) Candidates sf 2007 (1.2) *(22.Rbf1 Bc6 23.Qf3)* 22...Kxg7 23.Qf3 Qxf3 24.Rxf3 Bc6 *(24...f5 25.Rb7 Rf7)*;

C2) 21.Rb2 ChessBase II: '?!' 21...Bd7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qf3 Qxf3 24.Rxf3 Bc6 25.Rf1 Rc8 26.Rb4 Bd5 ChessBase II: '⇄' 27.Rb5 Bc6 28.Ra5 Rc7 29.Rb1! Plus souple Kf7 30.Kf2 Bd7 31.Rb2= f5 32.Ke2 Ke6 33.Kd2 Be8 34.Rb4 h5 35.Rb8 Bg6 36.Rg8 Bf7 37.Ra8 e4 38.Ra4 e3+ 39.Kd1 h4 40.Rh8 hxg3 41.hxg3 Ke5 42.Rh4 ½-½ (18) Gausel,E (2533)-Tisdall,J (2481) Asker 2003 Be8 43.Raxd4 Bh5+ 44.Ke1 Rxc2 45.Rc4 Re2+ 46.Kf1 Rf2+ 47.Ke1 Bf3 48.Rcf4 Re2+ 49.Kf1 Rf2+ 50.Ke1 1-0 (50) Collas,D (2443)-Heinz,T (2261) France 2006 EXT 2007 [ChessBase II]]

[Richard Palliser: 'c)' 5.Rb1

A) 5...Bb7 6.bxc5 Bxc3 '?!' 7.dxc3 Bxe4 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Bh6 bxc5 10.Bc4 Qa5 11.Qd2 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Nc6 13.Bg7 Rg8 14.Bxf6 exf6 15.0-0 Kf8 16.Qd5 '⩲' Kg7 *(16...Rg7* '?' *17.Qxd7 Ne5 18.Qd6+ Ke8 19.Rb7* '+-' *)* 17.Qxf7+ Kh8 18.Qxf6+ Rg7 19.Rb5 Qd8 20.Qxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rxc5 '±';

B) 5...cxb4 6.axb4 d6 *(6...Nc6 7.Nge2 Bb7 8.d4 Rc8 9.Qd3 d6 10.g3 Nf6 11.Bg2 0-0 12.0-0* '⩱' *)* 7.d4 Nf6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Nf3 Bb7 *(9...a5* '?!' *10.0-0 a4* '?!' *11.Re1 Bb7 12.Ra1 Nc6 13.b5 Nb4 14.Rxa4* '+-' *)* 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qe2

'±';
C) 5...d6 6.g3 Bb7 7.Bg2 e6 *(7...Nf6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6)* 8.Nge2 Ne7 9.0-0 0-0 10.d3 Nd7 11.Nb5 Ne5 12.f4 N5c6 13.bxc5 dxc5 14.e5 Rb8 15.Nd6 Ba8 16.Ne4 Nf5 17.g4 Nfd4 18.N2g3 '±';
D) 5...e6 6.g3 Ne7 7.Bg2 Nbc6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 a5!? saw Black actually make use of the advanced white b-pawn to begin counterplay in N.Beveridge-M. White, Newport 2007.]

[a) 5.Bc4 Nc6 6.Rb1 Nf6 7.d3 0-0 8.Bd2 e6 9.f4 d5 (M.Corballo-J.Aagaard, Edinburgh 2007) is an excellent example of the old adage about meeting flank play with a central break.]

5...Nc6

[5...d6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.bxc5 bxc5 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Qf3 Nbd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.0-0 Rb8 14.Re1 Rb6 15.a4 Nf6 16.a5 Ra6 17.Qb7 Qd6 Chernyshov,K (2560)-Tihonov,J (2500) Saratov 2006 1-0]

6.Bc4

[6.Rb1 Nf6 7.h3 0-0 8.bxc5 bxc5 9.Bc4 Rb8 10.Rxb8 Nxb8 11.Qe2 e6 12.0-0 d5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Ba2 Bb7 15.d3 Nbd7 16.Re1 Bc6 17.Bd2 Qc7 18.a4 a6 19.a5 h6 20.Qd1 d4 21.Nb1 Nd5 22.Bc4 Bb7 23.Bb3 N7f6 24.Qc1 g5 25.Na3 Ne7 26.Qd1 Ng6 27.Nc4 Nd5 28.Qe2 Bc6 29.g3 Nc3 30.Bxc3 dxc3 31.Qd1 Rd8 32.Ne3 Ba8 33.Nf5 Qd7 34.g4 Qb7 35.Re3 Kf8 36.Kf1 Bd4 37.Re4 Qb8 38.Ng3 Bxe4 39.Nxe4 Re8 40.Bc4 Nf4 41.h4 Nh3 42.hxg5 hxg5 43.Kg2 Rxe4 44.dxe4 Nxf2 45.Qe2 Nxg4 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: '0-1 (45) Mastronardi,D (2019)-Kappes,D (2301) ICCF 2011']

6...e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.d4 Richard Palliser: '?!' Richard Palliser: 'saw White trying to mix things up before Black got in ...d5 in V.Dobrov-L.Aroshidze, Kavala 2004, but after' 8...cxd4 9.Nb5 0-0 10.Nbxd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Bb7 Richard Palliser: 'Black's raking bishops ruled the board.' 12.Bg5 Bxe4 13.Qg4 Bxd4 14.Rad1 Bg7 15.Qxe4 h6 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Bb5 d6 18.c4 Rac8 19.Rd3 Dobrov,V-Aroshidze,L/Kavala 2004/LesEchecs.com/0-1 (59) 19...Rfd8 20.f4 Rc7 21.Rfd1 Bf8 22.h3 Qf6 23.Kh2 Be7 24.Bc6 Rdc8 25.b5 Qf5 26.Qd4 e5 27.Qd5 Qxf4+ 28.Kh1 e4 29.Rd4 Qe5 30.Rxe4 Qxd5 31.cxd5 Bf6 32.Rde1 Be5 33.g4 Re7 34.Kg2 Kg7 ChessBase II: 'Dobrov,V (2495)-Aroshidze,L (2401) Kavala 2004 0-1'

4...cxb4 5.axb4 d6

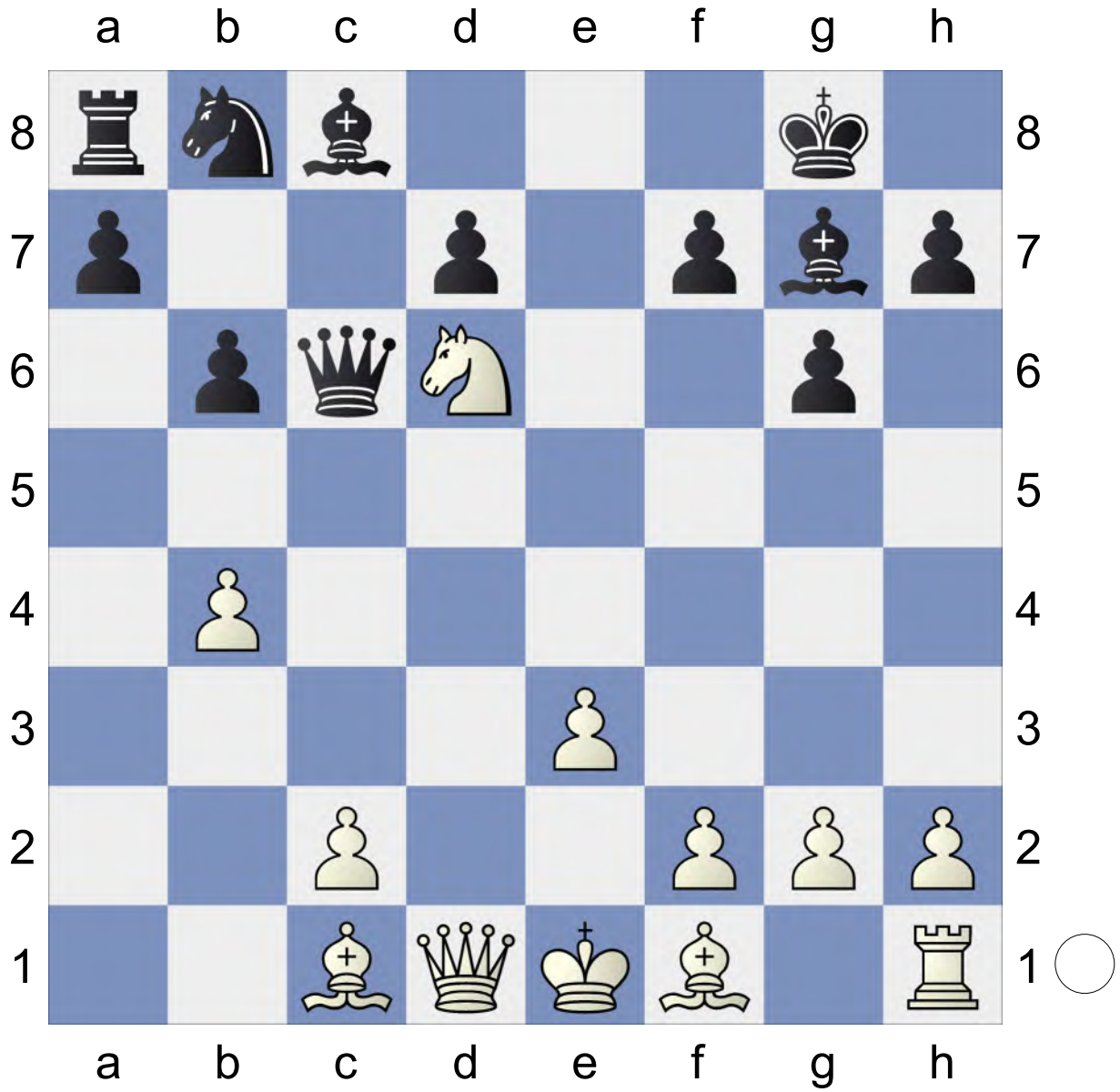
[5...Bxc3 6.dxc3 Qc7 *(6...d6 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.Bh6 Ng4 9.Qd2* '↑' *)* 7.Ne2 *(7.Qd4 Nf6 8.b5 e5 9.Qe3 a6 10.c4* '±'*; 7.Nf3* '!?' *Qxc3+ 8.Bd2 Qc7 9.Nd4* '⩲' *)* 7...Nf6 8.Bh6 '!?' Ng4 9.Bg7 Rg8 10.Bd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 '±']

[5...e6 6.g3 *(6.d4* '!?' *Ne7 7.Nf3 d5 8.b5* '±' *)* 6...Ne7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.Nge2 d5 9.d4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nbc6 *(10...e5 11.0-0 exd4 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bf6 Bg4 14.Re1* '±' *)* 11.c3 e5 *(11...f5* '?!' *12.Nc5 e5* '?' *13.b5 Nb8 14.Nxb7 Bxb7 15.Bxb7* '+-' *)* 12.b5 Na5 13.Qa4 b6 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Bf4 Bg7 16.Rd1 Bd7 17.Bh6 '±!']

[5...Nf6 '?!' 6.e5 Ng8 *(6...Nh5 7.d4 d6 8.g4 dxe5 9.gxh5 exd4 10.h6 Be5*

11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Be2 '±' *)* 7.d4 d6 8.Nf3 dxe5 9.Bb5+ '!' Bd7 10.dxe5 Nc6 *(10...Bxb5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.Nxb5 a6 13.0-0* '±' *)* 11.Qe2 Nxb4 12.0-0 '±' Nh6 '??' 13.Rd1 Nc6 14.Bxh6 Bxh6 15.e6 fxe6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Ne5 '+-'] [5...Qb6 6.Nd5 *(6.Nf3* '!?' *Qxb4 7.e5* '⩱' *)* 6...Qd4 7.Ra5 *(7.Ra3? Qxe4+ 8.Ne3 Qxb4; 7.f3?! Qxa1 8.Nc7+ Kd8 9.Nxa8* Harding: 'probably loses the N eventually' *)*

A) 7...b6 8.Ne2! Harding: 'The point. Black's queenside can collapse at b6 or c7 if he is careless with his Q; in any case he is now on the run.' Qc4 Harding: 'prevents the check at c7' *(8...Qxe4* Harding *9.d3)* 9.Nec3 *(9.Nxb6 Qxb4)* 9...Qc6 10.Ra3 Nf6 11.Nb5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Qb7 13.d6 0-0 14.dxe7 Re8 15.Nd6 Rxe7+ 16.Re3 Rxe3+ 17.dxe3 Qc6 Harding: '



' 18.Bc4!

A1) 18...Ba6 19.Bxf7+ Kf8 20.Bd5 Qxd6 *(20...Bc3+ 21.Bd2 Qxd6*

22.Bxc3 Nc6 23.Qf3+) 21.Bxa8±;
A2) 18...Bc3+ 19.Kf1 Bxb4? *(19...Be5* Harding: 'A better defence. White needs an improvement on the following:' *20.Bxf7+* Harding *Kg7 21.b5 Qxd6 22.Qxd6 Bxd6 23.Bd5 Nc6 24.Bb2+ Kf8 25.bxc6 Ba6+)* 20.Bxf7+ Kf8 21.Bd5 Qxd6 22.Qf3+ Ke8 23.Bxa8 Nc6 24.g3 Qe6 25.Kg2 Ne5 26.Qe4 d5 27.Bxd5 Qh3+ 28.Kg1 Bd6 29.f4 Bf5 30.Qd4 Qh5 31.fxe5 Bc5 32.Bc6+ Ke7 33.Qh4+ Qxh4 34.gxh4 Bxc2 35.Bd5 1-0 (35) Krecak,Z-Ganza,K Croatia 1995 Telechess CBM 100 [Harding,T];
B) 7...Qxe4+ 8.Qe2 Qxe2+ 9.Bxe2 Kd8 10.Nb6 axb6 11.Rxa8 '±']
[5...a6 6.Nf3 d6 7.d4]
6.b5 Bangiev,Alexander J: '!'
4...Nf6 Inviting complications with 5.e5. These complications should favor black, as he is better developed. If black wants to avoid this, 4...b6 should offer simple equality. '?!' 5.e5 Nh5 The e5 pawn is a target and if necessary black can play Nf4.
[5...Ng8 6.Nf3 cxb4 7.axb4 Nc6 8.d4 Nxb4 *(8...d5 9.b5 Nb8 10.h3* '±' *)* 9.Ra4 '!?' *(9.Nb5 a5 10.c3 Nc6 11.h4 h5 12.Bg5* '±' *)* 9...a5 10.Ba3 Nc6 11.Qd2 Nh6 12.Nb5 *(12.d5 Na7 13.h4* '±' *)* 12...0-0 13.d5 Na7 14.d6 '±']
6.bxc5 If instead 6.Nf3 black can play d6 and open the position. 6.Be2 is well met with Nf4. 6...d6 Development is more important than material here. Black is far better developed.
[6...Bxe5 7.d4 Bg7 8.Be2 Nc6 9.Nf3 '↑']
7.cxd6 exd6 8.Bc4 0-0 9.exd6 Nf4 10.Qf3 Qxd6 Black has more than enough compensation for the pawn and can develop rapidly with moves such as Bf5, Nc6, and Rfe8. Sicilian: Other sidelines for-Sicilian: 2.a3
4...Bxc3 '?!' 5.dxc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 d6 7.Bc4 Nf6 8.Bh6 Nxe4
[8...Ng4 9.Qd2 '±']
9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Qd5+ e6 11.Qxe4 '±'
4...d5 5.exd5 Nf6 6.Bc4 cxb4 7.axb4 Nbd7
[7...0-0 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.Bb3 Nb6 10.Ra5 '±!?']
8.Bb3 '!' 8...Nb6 9.Ra5 '±' 9...0-0 10.Nf3 '±'
4...Qb6 5.Bb2 '!?' 5...Nf6 6.e5 Nh5 7.Nd5 Qc6 8.c4 d6 9.Be2 e6 10.Bxh5 exd5 11.Bf3 '↑'
4...Nc6 5.bxc5 Qa5
[5...Bxc3 6.dxc3 Qa5 7.Qd3 Qxc5 8.Rb1 '±']
6.Nge2 '!' 6...Qxc5 7.Rb1 Nf6 8.d4 Qa5 9.Rb5 Qc7 10.e5 Ng4 11.h3 '!?' 11...Nh6 12.g4 0-0 13.Be3 f6 14.exf6 exf6 15.Bg2 '±'

[68] **5.bxc5** dxc5 Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Bangiev: 'Schwarz. Vorteile: Kontrolle über die Felder d4,e5; bessere Bauernstruktur; Nachteile: d5-Raum ist nicht ausreichend gedeckt.'' 6.f4 Nf6 Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Δ♘e4'
[6...Bxc3 7.dxc3 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Nf6 9.e5 *(9.Bd3 c4 10.Bxc4 Nxe4)* 9...Ne4 10.Ke1 Nxc3 Bangiev,Alexander J: '∞' Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Weiß.+♗♗, -M(♙) ']

7.Rb1 0-0 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bangiev,Alexander J: '±' Bangiev: '±' Richard Palliser: 'has been surprisingly assessed by Bangiev as favouring White, but Black's bind on the d4-square appears to outweigh the extra central pawn and' Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Weiß ist zurecht bestrebt die Felder d5, e6, f7 (also den d5-Raum) anzugreifen.' 9...Nd4 10.d3
[10.Ne5 Ne8 11.0-0 Nd6 12.Ba2 b5 Bangiev,Alexander J: '⇄']
[or 10.e5 Nh5 11.d3 Bg4 with good counterplay against f3 and f4]
10...Bg4 11.0-0
[11.Rxb7 Nd7 Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Δ♘b6']
11...Ne8 Richard Palliser: '!?' Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Ein nützliches Manöver: Δ♘e8; Δ♘d6'
[11...Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Bh3 13.Rf2 Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Δ♘e2, Δf5, gefolgt von ♘f4']
12.Ne2 Bangiev,Alexander J: '!?' Bangiev: '!?'
[12.e5 Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Bh3 14.Rf2 Nd6]
12...Nd6 Richard Palliser: 'was roughly balanced in S.Gurcan-A.Greenfeld, Izmir 2004.'
[12...Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Bh3 14.Rf2 Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Δf5 + ♘f4']
13.Nexd4
[13.Ba2 N6b5]
13...Bxd4+ Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Dies stellt ein Tempogewinn dar.'
[13...cxd4 14.Bb3]
14.Kh1 Nxc4 15.dxc4 b6 16.h3 Bxf3
[16...Be6 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Bb2 Bxc4 19.Rf2 Bangiev,Alexander J: '=']
17.Qxf3 Bg7 Gurcan,S-Greenfeld,A/Izmir 2004/LesEchecs.com/½-½ 18.Rd1
[18.f5 Qd4]
18...Qc7 19.Rb3 Rad8 20.Rbd3 Rd4 21.Qe2 Rfd8 22.e5 f6 23.Bb2 Rxd3 24.Rxd3 Rxd3 25.Qxd3 fxe5 26.Qd5+ e6 27.Qxe6+ Qf7 28.Qc8+ ½-½ (28) Hoermann (2290)-Krapivin,V (2547) Kerteminde 2004 CBM 63 [Mikhalchishin/Ali Marandi]

5.g3 The most common move. The most common move. Black has a lot of options here. 5...b6 followed by Bb7 is very simple safe. 5...Nc6 Hitting the pawn on b4. The most ambitious.
[5...e5 6.Bg2 Ne7 7.bxc5 dxc5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.d3 Nbc6 Primel,Dominique: '=']
6.Rb1 Tony Rotella: 'A solid and sensible option that's scored well for Black in practice is' 6.b5Nd4is of course fine for us. The knight sits well on d4 after 6.b5 Nd4 . Here, once again we can play it simple with 6...b6 , but I like the new ambitious option. The knight sits well on d4 after 6.b5 Nd4. Here, once again we can play it simple with 6...b6 , but I like the new ambitious option. 6...b6
[Stokke had been here before, although not against Grandmaster opposition: Tony Rotella: 'I spent a long time investigating the hair-raising complications after' 6...Nf6 7.Bg2
A) 7...0-0 8.Nge2

A1) 8...cxb4 9.axb4
A1a) 9...e5 10.0-0 Be6 11.b5 Na5 12.d3 Rc8 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bf5 15.b6! axb6 16.Be3 Qc7 *(16...Rc5 17.c4±)* 17.Bxb6 Qxc2 18.Bxa5 Bxd3 19.Nc3 Qxd1 20.Rfxd1 Bxb1 21.Rxb1 f5 22.Nb5 e4 23.Nxd6 Rc5 24.Bb4 Rc2 25.Nb5**±**;
A1b) 9...a6 10.0-0 Bg4 *(10...a5 11.bxa5 Qxa5 12.d3 Rb8 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.h3±)* 11.h3 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Qb6 13.d4 Nh5 14.c3 e5 15.d5 Ne7 16.c4 f5 17.c5! dxc5 18.Bg5 Nc8 19.bxc5 Qxc5 20.exf5 Nd6 *(20...gxf5 21.d6±)* 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.Be7 Rf7 23.Rxb7**±**;
A1c) 9...Qb6 10.b5 Nd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.0-0 Qc5 13.Na4 Qc7 14.d3**±**;
A1d) 9...Bd7 10.b5 Ne5 11.f4 Nc4 12.d3 Nb6 13.e5 Ne8 *(13...dxe5 14.fxe5 Ng4 15.d4±)* 14.0-0 dxe5 15.fxe5 Bxe5 16.Bh6 Ng7 17.d4 Bf6 18.Bxb7 Rb8 19.Bc6!?**±**;
A1e) 9...Ne5 10.h3 Rb8 11.f4 Ned7 12.0-0 b6 13.d4 Bb7 14.e5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Ne8 16.Qd3 Nc7 17.b5**±**;
A1f) 9...Bg4 10.h3 *(10.f3 Be6 11.b5 Ne5 12.f4 Nc4 13.d3 Nb6 14.0-0±)* 10...Bd7 *(10...Be6 11.b5 Ne5 12.d3 Qc8 13.Be3±; 10...Bxe2 11.Nxe2 e5 12.c3 a6 13.0-0 Re8 14.d3 Rc8 15.b5 axb5 16.Rxb5 Qc7 17.Qb3 Rb8 18.Be3±)* 11.0-0 *(11.b5!? Na5 12.0-0 Qc8 13.Kh2±)* 11...a6 *(11...e5 12.d3 Qc8 13.Kh2 Nd4 14.Bg5 Ne6 15.Be3 Qc7 16.f4↑)* 12.d4 Rc8 13.b5 Na5 14.f4**±**;
A2) 8...Bd7 '?' 9.bxc5 dxc5 10.Rxb7 '**±**';
A3) 8...b6 '?' 9.e5 '!' Nxe5 10.f4 '!' *(10.Bxa8* '?' *Bh3 11.Bb7 Qc8 12.Bxc8* '??' *Nf3#)* 10...Nc4 11.Bxa8 '+-';
A4) 8...a5 9.bxc5 dxc5 10.d3 '**±**' *(10.0-0* '**±**' *)*;
A5) 8...Qc7 9.0-0 b6 10.e5 '!' dxe5 11.b5 Nd4 12.Bxa8 Bf5 '!' 13.Bg2 Bxc2 14.Qe1 Bxb1 15.Nxb1 Nxb5 16.a4 Nd4 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.Na3 '**±**';
A6) 8...a6 9.d3 Rb8 10.0-0 b5 11.Nd5 e6 *(11...Be6 12.Nef4* '**±**' *)* 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.c3 Bb7 14.Be3 Qe7 15.d4 '**±**';
A7) 8...Nd4 9.0-0 e5 *(9...Nxe2+ 10.Qxe2 Bg4 11.f3 cxb4 12.Rxb4* '!' *Bc8 13.f4* '**±**' *)* 10.d3 b6 11.Bg5 h6 *(11...Bb7 12.Nd5 Ne6 13.Bd2* '!' *Qd7 14.c4 Nd4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.f4* '**±**' *)* 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Bg7 14.Nxd4 exd4 *(14...cxd4 15.c3 dxc3 16.Rc1 Be6 17.Rxc3* '↑' *)* 15.f4 Be6 16.f5 Bxd5 17.exd5 '↑';
A8) 8...Nd7 9.0-0 Nd4 10.d3 Ne5 *(10...f5 11.bxc5 Nxc5 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Ne2 Bg7 14.exf5 Rxf5 15.Be3 Rb8 16.Nd4* '**±**' *)* 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.Ne2 Nc6 13.b5 Nb8 14.Bb2 e5 15.c3 dxc3 16.Nxc3 a6
A8a) 17.d4 exd4 18.Nd5 axb5 19.Bxd4 Rxa3 *(19...Bxd4 20.Qxd4 Nc6 21.Qb2* '**±**' *)* 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rxb5 Nc6 22.Qd2 f6 23.Rfb1 '**⩲**';
A8b) 17.f4 '!?' 17...axb5 18.f5 Nd7 19.Bc1 Nc5 20.Nd5 '↑' Bd7 '?' 21.f6 Bh8 22.Ne7+ '+-';
A9) 8...Bg4 '?!' 9.bxc5 dxc5 10.Rxb7 Nd4 11.0-0 Qc8 *(11...Bf3 12.Bxf3*

Nxf3+ 13.Kg2 Nd4 14.d3 '±' *)* 12.Rb1 Nf3+ *(12...Rd8 13.f3 Bh3 14.d3 c4 15.Nxd4 Rxd4 16.Be3 Rd8 17.d4* '±' *)* 13.Kh1 c4 *(13...Rb8 14.Rxb8 Qxb8 15.h3 Bh5 16.d3* '±'*; 13...Nd4 14.f3 Bh3 15.d3* '±' *)* 14.h3 Bxh3 *(14...Bh5* '?' *15.Nf4 Nxd2 16.Qxd2* '+-' *)* 15.Bxf3 Bxf1 16.Qxf1 '±';

A:) 8...Rb8 9.bxc5 '!?' *(9.d3 Nd7 10.f4 cxb4 11.axb4 Nd4 12.Be3 e5 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Qd2 Bg4 15.h3 Bxe2 16.Nxe2 Rc8 17.c4* '⩱' *f5* '?' *18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Bg5 Qc7 21.exf5 gxf5 22.Bf4 Qf7 23.Qa2 a6 24.b5* '+-' *)* 9...dxc5 10.0-0

A:a) 10...b6 11.f4 Nd4 12.e5

A:a1) 12...Ne8 13.Bb2 Bb7 14.Ne4 *(14.Bxb7 Rxb7 15.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 16.Rf2 Qd7 17.Qf3 Rb8 18.Ne4* '⩱' *)* 14...Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Nc7 16.f5 '!?' gxf5 17.Rxf5 Ne6 18.Qh5 h6 19.d3 Nd4 20.Rg5 '!' Kh8 *(20...Nxc2* '??' *21.Qxh6* '+-'*; 20...hxg5 21.Nxg5* '+-' *)* 21.Rf1;

A:a2) 12...Ng4 13.Nd5 '!?' *(13.h3 Nh6 14.g4 f6* '⇄' *)* 13...Nxe2+ 14.Qxe2 Be6 15.c4 Bf5 16.Rb3 *(16.d3* '?!' *e6* '∓' *)* 16...h5 17.h3 Nh6 18.Kh2 Qd7 19.d3 Kh8 20.a4 '!' Qxa4 21.Ra3 Mickey Mouse: 'Chapter 32-Game 1 Game 1 (32)' Qd7 22.Be3 '⩲' e6 23.Nf6 Qd8 *(23...Qe7 24.g4* '±' *)* 24.Rd1 a5 25.Bd2 '!' Bxf6 26.exf6 Qd6 27.Bc3 h4 28.Be5 hxg3+ 29.Kxg3 Qd7 30.Qb2 '!' Qa7 31.Bxb8 Rxb8 32.Rb1 Nenciulescu,S-Markus,R Game 6 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '⩱' Chapter 35-Game 1 Game 1;

A:b) 10...Bg4 11.h3 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 b6 13.f4 e5 14.d3 Nd4 15.f5 Qd7 16.g4 '↑';

A:c) 10...e5 ½-½ (54) Perunovic,M (2696)-Arsovic,G (2491) Belgrade 2014 11.Nd5 Nd4 12.c4 '!' Bg4 13.f3 Be6 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.d3 '⩱';

B) 7...Nd4 Tony Rotella: '!?' 8.Nge2 Bg4 9.0-0 Nf3+ 10.Kh1 h5 Tony Rotella: '!' 11.h3 e5 Tony Rotella: '!?' 12.bxc5 dxc5 13.Rxb7 h4 14.Ng1 Ng5 15.hxg4 hxg3+ 16.Nh3 Nxh3 17.Bxh3 Qc8 *(17...Rxh3+ 18.Kg2* Tony Rotella: 'is better for White' *)* 18.Nb5 Tony Rotella: '!' Tony Rotella: ', and I still really don't know if any of that is correct, or what's going on here.';

C) 7...cxb4 8.axb4

C1) 8...Qb6 9.Na4 Qc7 10.Ne2 0-0 11.b5 Ne5 12.h3 Nc4 13.d3 Nb6 14.c4⩱;

C2) 8...a6 9.Nge2 Be6 *(9...b5? 10.e5+-; 9...Bd7 10.d4 b5 11.f4 0-0 12.e5 dxe5 13.dxe5 Ne8 14.Nd5±)* 10.d3 0-0 11.0-0 d5 12.Nf4 Bg4 13.f3 d4 14.fxg4 dxc3 15.Be3⩱;

C3) 8...Bg4 A typical move when White fianchettoes the bishop because f3 blocks the bishop. 9.f3 9.Nge2Nd4is quite unpleasant for White due to theweakened f3-square. '!?' *(9.Nge2 Nd4 10.h3 Bf3 11.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 12.Kf1 d5∞)* 9...Bd7 10.Nge2

C3a) 10...Qb6 11.b5

C3a1) 11...Na5 12.Na4 Qd8 13.d3 a6 14.Be3 axb5 *(14...Bxb5? 15.Bb6 Qd7 16.Nb2! Nc6 17.c4+-)* 15.Nac3 0-0 16.0-0 Qc7

17.Nxb5 Bxb5 18.Rxb5⩲;

C3a2) 11...Nd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 *(13...Qc5 14.d4 Qc4 15.Rb4 Qc8 16.Ne3 0-0 17.0-0⩲)* 14.Bb2 Qc5 *(14...Qxb2?! 15.Rxb2 Bxb2 16.exd5⩲)* 15.Bxg7 Rg8 16.Bb2 Nb4 *(16...Nb6 17.d3 Qxb5 18.Bd4 Qa5+ 19.Kf2 g5 20.Re1⩱)* 17.d4 Nxc2+ *(17...Qxb5?! 18.Ba3 a5 19.c3 Nd3+ 20.Kd2 Qc4 21.Ra1 b5! 22.Bf1 b4 23.Bxb4 Qc6 24.Bxd3 axb4 25.cxb4±; 17...Qxc2 18.Qxc2 Nxc2+ 19.Kd2 Nb4 20.Ba1 a5 21.bxa6 Nxa6 22.Rxb7⩲)* 18.Kf2 Qc7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bf1 Be6 21.Bd3 Bb3 22.Qd2! Kf8 23.Rhe1 Kg7 24.Re2+- Chapter-Games Game 1;

C3b) 10...0-0 11.b5 Na5 12.d3 Qc7 13.0-0 Rfc8 14.Bd2 b6 15.Qe1⩲;

C3c) 10...Qc8 11.b5 Ne5 12.d3 Bh3 13.0-0 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 0-0 15.Rb3⩲ *(15.f4!?↑)*;

C3d) 10...b5 Next, we want to go ...a5. Note that after11.Nxb5, we can play11...Rb8and recover the pawn with a slight advantage. Various Nd Moves-Mengarini Variation 2.a3 #2 '!?' 11.Nxb5 Rb8 12.Na3 Nxb4 13.d4 0-0 14.0-0 Na2 15.Bd2⩲;

D) 7...a6 8.Nge2 Bg4 9.bxc5 dxc5 10.Rxb7 '⩲';

E) 7...Bg4

E1) 8.f3 The position is equal. Be6 0.44/22 *(8...cxb4=* 0.04/21 *9.axb4 Bd7)* 9.Nge2 0.01/20 *(9.bxc5⩲* 0.44/22 should be considered. *dxc5 10.Rxb7)* 9...cxb4= 10.axb4 a5 11.b5 *(11.bxa5* is interesting. *Qxa5 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rxb7 Rfb8 14.Rxb8+ Rxb8 15.d4)* 11...Nb4 12.Ba3 0-0 13.Bxb4 axb4 14.Rxb4 Qb6 Black has given up a pawn willingly and gets control of the dark squaresin return. White's pieces are also stifled. 15.d4 -0.45/23 *(15.Na4=* -0.01/21 might be stronger. *Qa5 16.c3)* 15...Ra3 White should prevent ...Qb6-a5. Black has compensation.

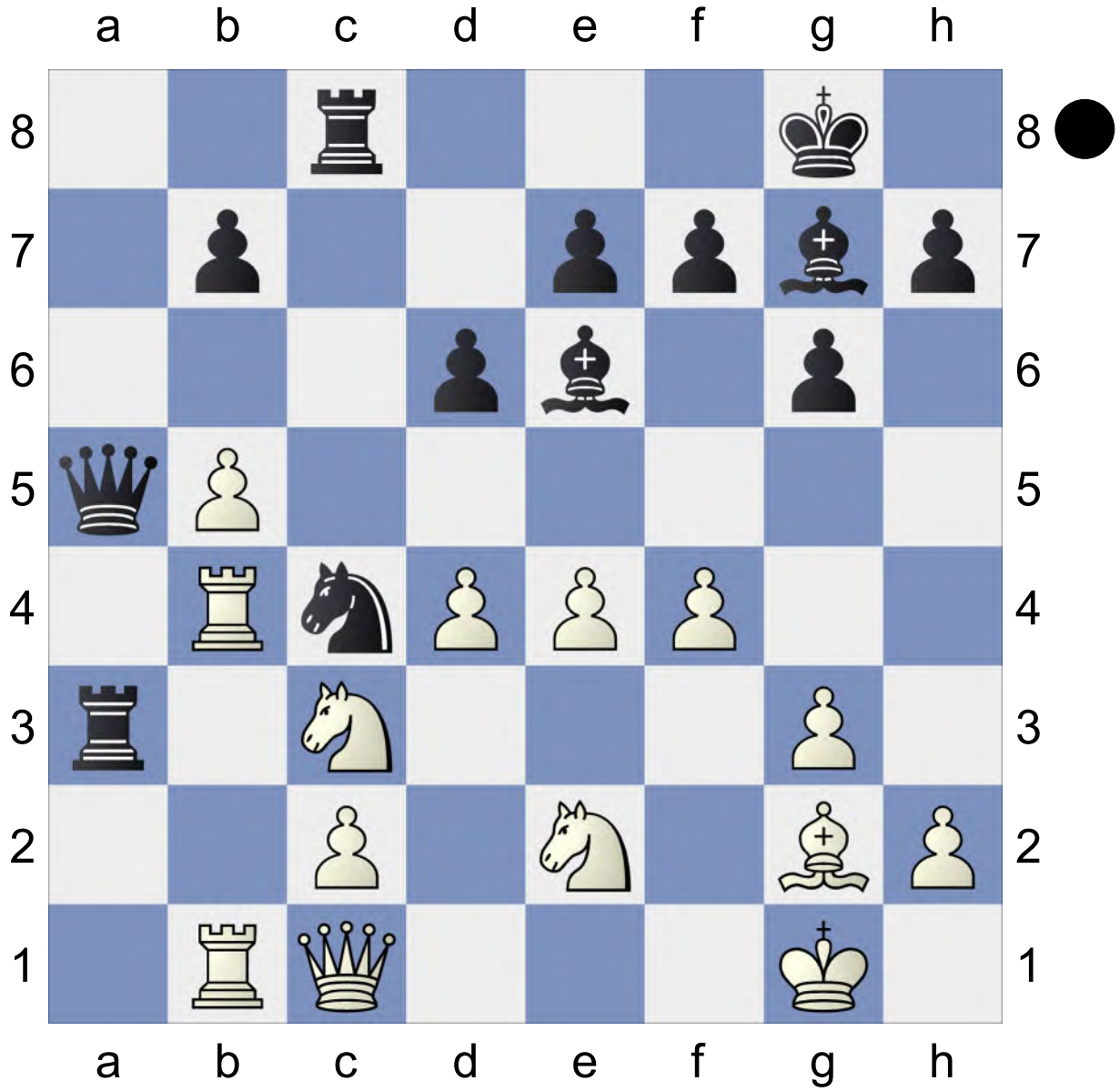
E1a) 16.Nb1= -0.20/23 keeps the balance. Qa5 17.c3 *(17.Qd2 Ra2∓)*;

E1b) 16.0-0 -1.40/23 16...Qa5∓ 17.Qb1 Rc8 18.Qb2 Nd7 White's pieces on the queenside are stuck. Strongly threatening ... Nd7-b6. 19.Rb1 -2.34/24 *(⌓19.b6* -1.78/22 *)* 19...Nb6 -1.04/23 *(19...Bc4-+* -2.34/24 is more deadly. aiming for ... Bc4xe2. *20.Bf1 Bxe2 21.Nxe2 Ra2)* 20.f4? -2.75/25 *(20.Kh1∓* -1.04/23 *)* 20...Nc4-+ 21.Qc1

(Diagram)

Rxc3! Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.17 (very precise) Reference Games-Hagesaether,H [Mickey Mouse] *(*The winning blow. White loses material after Nxc3 *21...Bxd4+* . Powerful strategic play by Black led to this miniature. An excellent example of how to play from this opening. *)*;

E2) 8.Nge2 Rb8 9.h3 Bd7 10.0-0 Qc8 11.Kh2 h5 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Nd4 14.bxc5 dxc5 15.c3 Nf5 16.d3 b5 17.Bf4 Rb6 18.Qd2 0-0∞



Messy, which is about all that 2 a3 promotes. Stokke, K-Hanley, J/Oslo 2005] [6...e6 7.Bg2 Nge7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 b6 *(9...d5?! 10.exd5 exd5 11.bxc5±)* 10.d3 Bb7

A) 11.Be3 Nd4 12.Qd2 Qd7

A1) 13.f4 Rac8 14.b5 f5 *(14...d5* Tony Rotella: '!?' *15.e5 Nxe2+ 16.Nxe2 d4 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Bf2 Rfd8* Tony Rotella: 'is similar enough to the main line' *)* 15.a4 d5 16.e5 Tony Rotella: 'was J.Tompa-I.Bilek, Hungarian Championship 1970, and now I like the straightforward' Nxe2+ 17.Nxe2 d4 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Bf2 Nd5 Tony Rotella: ', instead of the game's fancy 16... Nxc2. Here Black's extra central space and strong knight on d5 seem more relevant than anything White has going on at the moment. Black might even contemplate ...Kh8 and ...g5 plans in the future to build up pressure against White's centre and kingside.';

A2) 13.Nd1 Rac8∓ 14.c3 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Rfd8 *(15...d5!)* 16.d4? cxd4 17.cxd4 Qa4 18.Qb2 Rc2 19.Nc3 Rxb2 20.Nxa4 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 Rc8 22.f3 b5 23.Nb2 Rc3 24.Kf2 Nc6 25.Rc1 Rxa3 26.Bf1 Ra2 27.Rc2 Nxd4 Chapter-Games Game 6;

B) 11.Bg5 Qd7 12.Qd2 Tony Rotella: '. This was J.Murey-A.Goszpeter, Oberwart 1996, and now' Nd4 Jenni Florian-Czarnik,J Soviet Union 200 Traps In The Opening [Euwe,M/Lasker,Em] *(12...Rfe8;* Tony Rotella: 'and' *12...Rac8* Tony Rotella: 'have all been essayed successfully in my database, with play similar to 11 Be3 above.' *)*;

C) 11.Na2?! Qd7 12.Bb2 e5!?;

D) 11.Bd2 Qd7 12.f4 Rac8 13.bxc5 dxc5!;

E) 11.Bf4 Qd7 12.Nb5 Ne5 13.c4 Bc6∞;

F) Tony Rotella: 'A few other moves have been essayed here, though none impress:' 11.b5

F1) 11...Ne5!? 12.f4 *(12.a4 Qc7 13.Bf4 f5 14.Re1 h6)* 12...Nd7 13.Bd2 d5 14.e5?! f6!;

F2) 11...Nd4 12.Nxd4

F2a) 12...Bxd4 13.Ne2 Bg7 14.c4

F2a1) 14...Qd7 15.Bb2 *(15.d4?! cxd4 16.Nxd4 Rac8 17.Rb4 a5 18.bxa6 Bxa6 19.Nb5)* 15...Rfd8 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qd2! *(17.d4 cxd4 18.Qxd4+ e5 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Rfc1 Qc5 21.a4 a5 22.Nc3 Rac8 23.Nd1 Ng8 24.Ne3 Nf6=)* 17...Kg8 *(17...a6 18.Nc3 axb5 19.Rxb5 Rxa3 20.Qb2 Ra7 21.Rxb6±)* 18.f4 a6 19.Nc3 d5 20.exd5 exd5 21.f5! Nxf5 *(21...dxc4? 22.Bxb7 Qxb7 23.f6+-)* 22.Bxd5 *(22.bxa6 Rxa6 23.Bxd5 Bxd5 24.Nxd5 Qd6 25.Rbe1± Rxa3? 26.g4 Nd4 27.Qh6+-)* 22...Bxd5 23.Nxd5 Qd6 24.Rbe1±;

F2a2) 14...a6 15.a4 axb5 16.axb5 Ra7 *(16...Ra2 17.Bd2 Qd7 18.Nc3 Ra7 19.Ra1 Rfa8 20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Na4 Qc7 22.Bc3↑)* 17.Qb3 Qa8 18.Bb2 Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Ra2 20.Qf6 Re8 21.Ra1±;

F2b) 12...cxd4 13.Ne2

F2b1) 13...e5 14.c3 '!' dxc3 15.Nxc3 Rc8 *(15...d5 16.Qb3 d4 17.Ne2 Rc8 18.f4 exf4 19.Bxf4±)* 16.Qb3∞;

F2b2) 13...d5 Tony Rotella: '!?' Tony Rotella: 'also looks possible';

F2b3) 13...Qd7 14.Bb2 e5 15.c3 dxc3 16.Nxc3 d5 17.a4 *(17.d4?! Rfd8 18.dxe5 d4 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Bxd5 21.Qxd4 Qxb5⇄)* 17...d4 18.Ne2 a6 19.Qb3 axb5 20.axb5 Ra5 21.Bc1 Rfa8 22.f4 exf4 23.Nxf4±;

F2b4) 13...a6 14.Bb2 e5 *(14...axb5 15.Bxd4 Rxa3 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rxb5±)* 15.a4 *(15.c3!? dxc3 16.Nxc3±)* 15...axb5 16.axb5 d5!? 17.f4 Qc7 18.fxe5 Bxe5 19.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 20.Nxd4 Qc5 21.c3 dxe4 22.dxe4 Qxc3 23.Rb3 Qc5 24.Rf2 Rfd8 25.Rd3=;

F2b5) 13...Qc7 14.Bb2 *(14.Rb4 e5 15.c3 dxc3 16.Qb3! c2 17.Rc4 Qd7 18.Rxc2 Rfc8 19.a4 Rxc2 20.Qxc2 Rc8 21.Qb3 d5 22.Bb2±)*

14...e5 15.c3 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Qd7 17.Qb3 d5 18.Bb4 *(18.f4!? dxe4 19.dxe4 exf4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rbd1 Qc7 22.Qb2+ Kg8 23.Rc1 Qb8 24.Nxf4±)* 18...d4 19.f4 Rae8 20.a4 a6 21.Ba3 *(21.fxe5!? Bxe5 22.bxa6 Bxa6 23.Nf4 Bb7 24.Bh3 Qd8 25.Ne6! Bd5 26.Nxd8+-)* 21...axb5 22.axb5 exf4 23.Nxf4 Ra8 *(23...Rc8? 24.Bh3+-)* 24.Bh3 Qd8 25.Be6! Qe8 26.Bc4**±**;

F2b6) 13...Rc8 14.Bb2 *(14.Rb4 e5 15.Bb2 Rc7 16.c3 dxc3 17.Bxc3 d5∞ 18.f4 dxe4 19.dxe4 a5 20.Rb2 Qxd1 21.Rxd1 exf4 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Nxf4 Re8∞)* 14...e5 15.c3 dxc3

F2b61) 16.Nxc3!? Rc7 *(16...Qd7 17.Qb3±)* 17.a4 d5 18.Qb3 Re8 19.Ba3 d4 20.Ne2**±**;

F2b62) 16.Bxc3 Tony Rotella: 'was the course of J.Murey-K.Volke, Podolsk 1991, and now the obvious'

F2b621) 16...Qd7 17.Qb3

F2b6211) 17...Kh8 18.d4 d5 19.dxe5 dxe4 20.Rfd1 *(20.Rbd1! Qf5 21.Qa4 Nd5 22.Ba1±)*

F2b62111) 20...Qf5! 21.Qa4 *(21.Bb4 Rfe8 22.Bd6 Kg8 23.Nd4 Qh5⇄)* 21...e3!↑;

F2b62112) 20...Qc7?! 21.Bb4

F2b621121) 21...Qxe5! 22.Rd7 Rc7 23.Rbd1 Re8? *(23...Rxd7! 24.Rxd7 Bc8 25.Bc3 Qc5 26.Rxa7±)* 24.Qxf7+-;

F2b621122) 21...Rce8? 22.Bd6 Qd7 23.Rbc1 Rc8 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Qxf7 Qxb5 26.Nf4+-;

F2b6212) 17...Rc7

F2b62121) 18.d4 d5!? 19.dxe5 dxe4 20.Nf4 Qf5 21.Bh3 Qg5 22.Bb2 Nf5 *(22...Bxe5? 23.Ne6!+-)* 23.e6 Bxb2 24.Rxb2 Nd4 25.exf7+ Rfxf7 26.Ne6 Qh5 27.Nxd4 Qxh3 28.Rd1 e3⇄;

F2b62122) 18.f4 exf4 *(18...d5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.fxe5 dxe4 21.dxe4±)* 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nxf4**±** d5 21.Qb2+! *(21.exd5 Kg8 22.Rbe1 Qd6 23.d4 Rfc8 24.Qf3↑)*

F2b621221) 21...Kg8 22.Bh3 Qd6 *(22...f5 23.Qe5±)* 23.Ne6! fxe6 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Qf6+ Ke8 26.Bxe6 Qc5+ 27.d4 Ng8 28.Qe5 Qe7 29.exd5 Qf6 30.Bxg8+ Qxe5 31.dxe5 Rc5 32.Bxh7+-;

F2b621222) 21...d4 22.Bh3 Qd6 23.Qf2 f5 *(23...Rc3?? 24.Ne6++-; 23...Qxa3?? 24.Ne6+ Kg8 25.Qf6 Nf5 26.Bxf5 fxe6 27.Bxe6++-)* 24.exf5 Nxf5 *(24...gxf5 25.Rb4± Rd7? 26.Rxd4+-)* 25.g4 g5 *(25...Ne3?? 26.Ne6++-)* 26.Nh5+ Kg6 27.Bg2! Bxg2 28.Qxg2 Nh4 29.Qe4+ Kh6 30.Rxf8 Qxf8 31.Qe6+ Ng6 32.Ng3 Kg7 33.Rf1 Qd8 34.Nf5+ Kh8 35.Nd6+- Chapter-Games

Game 1;

F2b622) 16...d5 Tony Rotella: '!' Tony Rotella: 'looks to keep even chances.' 17.Bb4 Re8 18.Qb3 Qd7∞ 19.a4 Qg4 20.Nc3 d4 21.Nd1 a5 22.bxa6 Bxa6 23.f3 Qd7 24.Nf2±]

[6...h5 7.h3 Nf6 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nge2 Rb8 10.0-0 b6∞]

[6...e5 7.Bg2 Nge7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0∞]

[Tony Rotella: 'There are a few entertaining options that I'd encourage the reader to look into: My computer is expressly enamoured with the zany' 6...cxb4 Tony Rotella: '!?' 7.axb4 a5 *(7...Bxc3* This is a funky new idea. We give up the bishop but ruin White's pawn structure completely. *8.dxc3 Nf6* Developing and hitting the e4-pawn on the way. Developing and hitting the e4 pawn on the way. *9.Bg2 0-0 10.Ne2 a5* Creating a strong passed pawn. White's main issue with his doubled pawns is not the doubled pawns itself, but the fact that the c4-square is terribly weak with the b-pawn being on b4. Creating a strong passed pawn. White's main issue with his doubled pawns is not the doubled pawns itself, but the fact that the c4 square is terribly weak with the b-pawn being on b4. *11.0-0 a4* The pawn keeps marching, while the c4-square will be used by our bishop or the knight. White can't make much use of his dark-squared bishop and there is no attack on the kingside, as 11.Bh6 is simply met with 11...Re8 . Various Nd Moves-2.a3 #5 The pawn keeps marching, while the c4 square will be used by our bishop or the knight. White can't make much use of his dark-squared bishop and there is no attack on the kingside, as 11.Bh6 is simply met with 11...Re8*; 7...Qb6?! 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.b5 Nd4 10.c3 Ne6 11.d4±; 7...Nd4 8.Bg2 Nf6 9.Nce2! Ne6 10.d3 0-0 11.Nf3 a5 12.0-0 a4 13.c4 Bd7 14.Nc3±)*

A) 8.b5

A1) 8...Nb4 9.Na4 Nf6 10.f3 d5 11.c3 Na2 *(11...dxe4 12.cxb4 axb4 13.Bc4 Qa5 14.Nb2±)* 12.Ba3 dxe4 13.Bc4±;

A2) 8...Nd4 9.Na4! Nf6 10.Bg2 0-0 11.c3 Ne6 12.d4±;

B) 8.bxa5 Bxc3 Tony Rotella: '!?' 9.dxc3 Nf6 Tony Rotella: '. All I can say is that it's unclear, but exceptionally risky to throw away your dark-squared bishop like that.']

7.Bg2 Richard Palliser: 'is a more solid white set-up, but after' 7...Bb7

[7...Nf6

A) 8.e5 '?' Nxe5 9.bxc5 *(9.Bxa8 Bg4* '∓' *)* 9...bxc5 10.Bxa8 Bg4 11.Bf3 Nxf3+ 12.Nxf3 Qa8 13.Nb5 Qe4+ 14.Qe2 Bxf3 15.Qxe4 Bxe4 16.0-0 Bxc2 17.Rb2 Bd3 18.Re1 Kd7 '↑';

B) 8.Nge2 Droht stark b5.Die Stellung ist ausgeglichen.

B1) 8...Bb7 9.0-0 0-0

B1a) 10.b5 Nd4 11.e5 Bxg2 12.exf6 Bf3 '!?' *(12...Bxf1 13.fxg7 Kxg7 14.Kxf1 e6 15.Bb2 f6 16.Nxd4* '!' *cxd4 17.Na2* '±' *)* 13.fxg7 Kxg7 14.h3 Qd7 15.Kh2 a6 16.Bb2 Kg8 17.bxa6 Rxa6 18.Re1 Qf5 '⩲';

B1b) 10.d3 Rc8 *(10...Qd7* '!?' *11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Nd4 13.Re1 Rae8 14.Bd2 e6 15.bxc5 dxc5 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Bb4 Bxd5 18.Bxf8*

Bxf8 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 '⩲' *20.Rb3)* 11.b5 Nd4 12.e5 Bxg2 13.exf6 Bf3 *(13...Bxf1 14.fxg7 Kxg7 15.Kxf1 e6 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Na2* '!?' *Qd7 18.a4 e5 19.Nb4* '⩱' *)* 14.fxg7 Kxg7 15.h3 *(15.Be3 Qd7* '⩲' *)* 15...Qd7 16.Kh2 Bxe2 17.Nxe2 Nf3+ 18.Kg2 Qb7 19.Nf4 Nh4+ 20.Kh2 Nf3+ 21.Kh1 '!' *(21.Kg2 Nh4+)* 21...Nd2+ 22.f3 Nxb1 23.c4 e5 24.Nd5 a6 25.Qb3 Nxa3 26.bxa6 Qxa6 27.Bxa3 Rb8 28.Nc3 Nenciulescu,S-Noshin,A Game 4 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '⩱';

B2) 8...Bd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.d3 Rc8 11.b5N Nd4 12.a4 Qc7 13.Bg5 e6 14.Na2 h6 15.Be3 a5 16.bxa6 Bxa4 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.Nb4 Qc5 19.Qd2 Kh7 20.Rb2 *(20.Qe1=* ist eher angebracht. *)* 20...b5∓ 21.Kh1 Rc7 22.Rc1 *(22.h4=)* 22...Qa7 23.f4 Ng4 24.f5 Be5 25.Nf4 *(25.Bh3!= gxf5 26.Bxg4 fxg4 27.Rf1)* 25...g5 26.Qe2 Ne3 27.Nh5 Rc3 28.Bh3 Qe7 29.Kg1 Kh8 30.Ra1 Rfc8 31.Rc1 Rg8 32.Re1 *(*Lieber *32.Bg4∓)* 32...g4!-+ 33.Bf1 *(33.Bg2∓)* 33...Qg5! *(*Weniger gut wäre *33...exf5 34.Qf2∓)* 34.Nf4 Bxf4 *(34...exf5 35.Nfd5=)* 35.gxf4 Qxf4 36.Qf2 Qg5 37.fxe6 *(⌓37.Kh1)* 37...fxe6 38.Kh1 *(⌓38.e5 dxe5 39.Kh1)* 38...Rcc8 39.Qg3 Rcf8 40.Bg2 h5 41.h4? *(41.c3 dxc3 42.Rbe2 Nxg2 43.Kxg2)* 41...gxh3 42.Qxg5 hxg2+ *(*Nicht *42...Rxg5 43.Bxh3 Rg7 44.Ra2=)* 43.Qxg2 Nxg2 *(*Und nicht *43...Rxg2 44.Rxe3! Rfg8 45.Re1=)* 44.Rg1 Ne3 45.Rxg8+ Kxg8 46.Kh2 Kh7 47.Kg3 Kg6 48.Nc6 e5 Und weiter mit ...Kg5 wäre nett. 49.Kh4 Rf4+ 50.Kh3 Rf3+ 51.Kh2 Ng4+ 52.Kg1 Rg3+ 53.Kh1 h4 (-> ...h3) 54.a7

(Diagram)

h3! 0-1 (54) Mamonovas,V (2211)-Hesse,O (2372) ICCF 2015 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Komodo 11.212 /180sec 10cpu]]

8.Nge2 e6

[8...Nd4 9.0-0 e6 10.Bb2 Ne7 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Ne2 Bxb2 13.Rxb2 0-0 14.c3 Rc8 15.d4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Rc4 17.h4 Qc7 18.Qd2

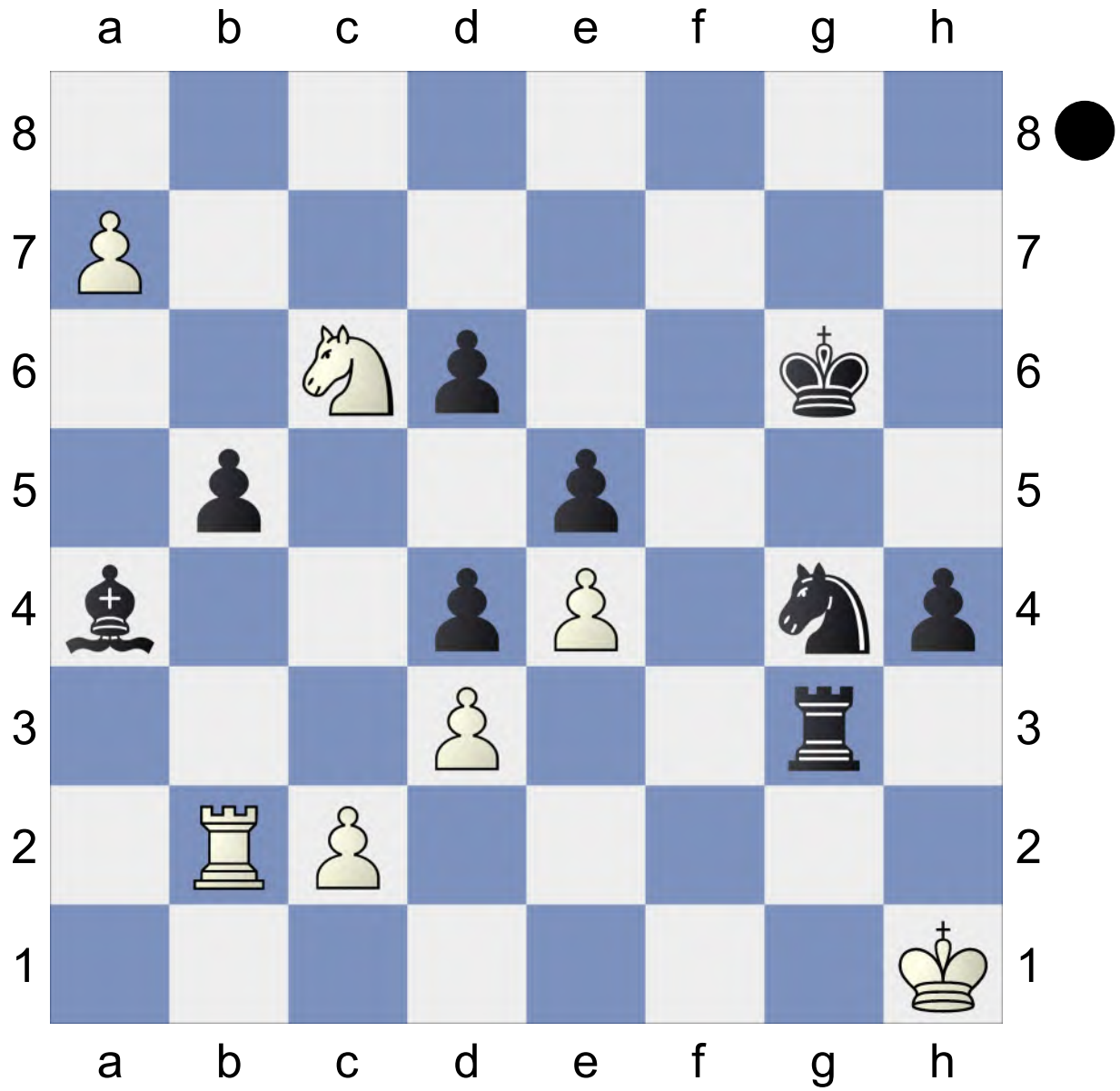
A) 18...Kg7 19.Qg5 Qd8 *(19...Qd7 20.b5 h6 21.Qd2 Ng8 22.Rbb1 Nf6 23.Qe3)* 20.b5

A1) 20...Ng8 21.Qd2 Kh8 *(21...Qe7; 21...Qc7)* 22.Rbb1 Nf6 23.Qe3 Qc8 24.Bf3 Rc2 25.h5 Qa8;

A2) 20...h6 21.Qd2 Ng8 22.Rbb1 Nf6 23.Qe3;

B) 18...Rc8 19.Qg5 Qd8 20.b5 Kg7 21.Qd2 Ng8 22.Rbb1 Rc2 *(22...Nf6 23.Qe3)* 23.Qe3 Nf6 24.Bf3 R8c7 25.h5 Qa8 26.h6+ Kf8 27.Qf4 Qd8 28.e5 dxe5 29.dxe5 Nd5 30.Qg4 R2c4 31.Nf4 g5 32.Nxe6+ *(32.Ng6+ fxg6 33.Qxe6 Re7)* 32...fxe6 33.Qxe6 Re7 34.Qf5+ Rf7 35.Qd3 Rc3 36.Qd4 Rfxf3 37.e6 Qf6 38.Qe4 Qxh6 39.e7+ Ke8 40.Qe5 Nxe7 41.Rbe1 Rxg3+ 42.fxg3 Qh1+ 43.Kf2 Qg2# 0-1 (43) Nikanova,E (2133)-Bures,J (2389) Levice 2019 EXT 2020 [ChessBase II]]

9.0-0 Nge7= This is how most strong players meet eccentric variations. Black sticks to a tried and trusted game plan of steady development, refusing simplification,



keeping play centrally orientated. Obviously, one can play as one wishes with the White pieces, but the moves a3, b4 and Rb1 look right out of place. Richard Palliser: 'Black had no reason to complain in K.Stokke-O.Cvitan, Pula 2006'

10.f4 Nd4 11.d3 0-0 12.Be3

[12.Kh1 Rc8⇄]

12...Qd7 13.bxc5 dxc5 14.e5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nd5 Everything in the centre. 16.Bd2 f6! And a central break, rendering Rb1 a waste of a tempo. 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.Ne4

White feels that he is forced to play along with Black's plan, seeing little counterplay elsewhere. 18...Nxe4 19.dxe4 Rad8!

[19...Qc6! also looks good to me: 20.Nxd4 *(20.Nc3 Rad8∓)* 20...cxd4! Exposing two weaknesses on c2 and e4. 21.Re1 Rac8 22.Rc1 b5∓ White has only a miserable defence to look forward to.]

20.Rf2 Nb5 21.Qc1 Qc6 Excellent timing. 22.Kh3

[22.Ng1 Qxe4+ 23.Nf3 Nd4 24.Be3 g5!-+]
22...Nd6!
[22...Qxe4 23.Rxb5]
23.Be1 Nxe4-+ there is nothing more to be said. 24.Rg2 e5 25.Qe3 Qe6+ 26.g4 exf4 The conclusion is inexorable: that 2 a3 is something of an extravagance. Black gets an excellent game by sticking to the basics of sound development geared towards occupation and control of the centre. To that end 2 ...g6! is a very good start. 0-1 (26) Stokke,K (2302)-Cvitan,O (2527) Pula 2006 [Andrew Martin] Tony Rotella: 'It's also possible to develop the light-squared bishop more conventionally with' **5.Nf3** Nc6
[5...Nf6 6.bxc5 Nxe4! *(6...dxc5 7.Rb1 0-0 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.d3 Bg4 10.0-0 Ne5∓)* 7.cxd6 Nxc3 8.dxc3 0-0!∓]
6.Rb1
[6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Qe2 Bg4 8.bxc5 dxc5∓]
6...e6
[6...Nf6 Tony Rotella: 'when White has tried pretty much every square for the thing:'
A) 7.--;
B) 7.Bc4 0-0 8.0-0 Tony Rotella: 'allows the good, old fork trick with' Nxe4 Tony Rotella: '. After' 9.Nxe4 d5 10.Bd3 *(10.bxc5 dxe4 11.Ng5 Qd4* Tony Rotella: 'also seems solid for Black' *)* 10...c4 Tony Rotella: '!' Tony Rotella: '(cheapo after cheapo here)' 11.Bxc4 dxe4 12.Ng5 Bf5 Tony Rotella: 'with a fine position for Black. Humorously, if White gets greedy with' 13.g4 Bd7 14.Nxe4 Tony Rotella: ', Black gets to embarrass him with another fork trick via' Ne5 15.Be2 Nxg4 16.Bxg4 f5 Tony Rotella: ', when White's kingside is noticeably weaker than Black's. The two bishops are a real asset here, and White should be slightly worse.';
C) 7.bxc5 dxc5 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Ne8 *(10...Ng4 11.Bb2 a6 12.Bf1 b5 13.a4 b4 14.Nd5 Bxb2 15.Rxb2 e6* Tony Rotella: 'also looks possible' *)* 11.Nd5 Nd6 12.Bf1 e6 13.Ne3 Nd4 Tony Rotella: '!' Tony Rotella: 'was H.Nakamura-R.Felgaer, Cuernavaca 2006. Black actually looks more than comfortable here based on his slightly better minor pieces, although Hikaru went on to outplay Felgaer in a tough, complicated middlegame like he always does. ';
D) 7.Be2 Tony Rotella: 'is a little compliant, running into' d5 Tony Rotella: '!' 8.exd5 *(8.bxc5 Nxe4* Tony Rotella: 'is not what White wants' *)* 8...Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.c4 Qf5 11.d3 Tony Rotella: ', and now either' cxb4 *(*Tony Rotella: 'or' *11...0-0 12.0-0 b5* Tony Rotella: '!?' *)* 12.axb4 a5 Tony Rotella: 'with satisfactory counterplay for Black.';
E) 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Nd4 10.Bxd7 Nxd7∞]
7.g3
[7.Bb2 b6 8.Bb5 Nge7∞]
7...Nge7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Re1 e5 11.d3 h6 12.Nd2 Nd4 13.Nc4 Be6

ChessCalisthenics: 'N' 14.Ne3 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.f4 exf4 17.gxf4 Kh7 18.Ncd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Rg8 ChessCalisthenics: '??' 20.Kh1 Bh8 21.Qd2 Qh4 ChessCalisthenics: '?' 22.Bb2 Rxg2 ChessCalisthenics: '??' 23.Qxg2 Rg8 24.Rxe6 Rxg2 Black heavily out rated his opponent, but even so this was quite a smooth display and gives an example of how a strong player reacts to a move like 2 a3!?- without getting in a flap about how to refute it! Rowson,Jonathan: 'Black heavily out rated his opponent, but even so this was quite a smooth display and gives an example of how a strong player reacts to a move like 2 a3!?- without getting in a flap about how to refute it!' 0-1 (24) Collette,B (2194)-Georgiev,K (2456) Cappelle la Grande FRA 2005 [Rowson]

69 **5...Nf6** Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: 'Falls sie sich für diese Öffnung interessieren verweise ich auf das Buch von GM Alexei Bezgodov, Anfechtung der Sizilianer mit 2.a3! "

' 6.g3 cxb4 7.axb4 d5 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: 'Diese Stellung hatte Martin oft auf dem Brett, wie auch der niederländische Fernschachspieler Hans Wansink.

' !?' 8.e5 Ne4 9.Nxe4

[9.f4 0-0 10.Bg2 f6 11.exf6 exf6 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.d3 f5 14.dxe4 Qxd1+ 15.Kxd1 Rd8+ 16.Ke2 fxe4 17.Be3 Nd7 18.Nh3 Nf6 19.Nf2 Nd5 20.Bd2 Re8 21.Rhd1 Be6 22.Bxe4 Nf6 23.Bd3 Bg4+ 24.Kf1 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 b6 26.b5 Rad8 27.Kg2 Rd4 28.Kf3 Ra4 29.h4 Rd8 30.Rb1 Bf8 31.Re1 Kf7 32.Nh3 h6 33.Nf2 Re8 34.Rd1 h5 35.Nh3 Bb4 36.Bxb4 Rxb4 37.Ra1 Re7 38.Ra3 Kg7 39.Rc3 Nd5 40.Rc6 Re3+ 41.Kf2 Rxd3 42.cxd3 Rxb5 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: '½-½ (42) Wansink,J (2405)-Walczak,P (2464) ICCF 2010']

9...dxe4 10.Bg2 Nc6 11.Bxe4 Nxe5 12.d4 Nc4 13.Ne2 Nd6 14.Bf3 Bf5 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: 'Eine originelle Stellung.Weiß hat keinen Vorteil. Schwarz hat die bessere Bauernstruktur.

' 15.Bf4 Rc8 16.Rc1 0-0 17.0-0 Qb6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Qd2 Rfd8 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: 'Schwarz hat das Läuferpaar und einen erheblichen Druck auf die schwachen schwarzen Felder..' 20.Rfd1 e5 21.c4 Rd7

[21...exd4 22.Bxb7 Rb8 23.c5 Qc7 24.Bg2 d3 25.f4 a5 26.Bd5 axb4 27.Qa2 Bh6 28.Ra1 Qxc5+ Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: '1/2-1/2 Wansink,J (2428)-Joppich,U (2450)/ICCF 2012']

22.d5 Qf8 23.Nf4 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: '!?' Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: 'Ein wahnsinniger Zug'

[23.Bg2 Bh6 24.f4 exf4 25.gxf4 b6 26.d6 Bg4 27.Qd4 Bg7 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: '∓']

23...Rdc7

[23...exf4 24.g4 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: '!' Be6 25.Qxf4 Bf5 26.gxf5 Bh6 27.Qg4 Bxc1 28.Rxc1 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: '=']

24.c5 exf4 25.g4 Bd7 26.d6 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: 'Weiß hat viel geopfert, aber hat einen sehr starken Freibauern auf der sechsten Reihe. Auch der

schwarze Turm ist eingeschlossen.
' 26...Bc6
[26...Rc6 27.Re1 Be6 28.Rxe6 fxe6 29.Re1 Rxd6 30.Qxd6 Qxd6 31.cxd6 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: '=']
27.dxc7 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: 'Martin wählt Qualität.'
[27.Bxc6 Rxc6 28.Qd5 a6 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: 'Und der d-Bauer kann wahrscheinlich blockiert werden.']
27...Bxf3 28.Qd8 Bxg4 Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: 'Schwarz hat zwei Läufer für den Turm, aber dafür immer noch einen starken Freibauern.
' 29.Rd5 h5 30.Re1 Bc3 31.Re4 a6 32.Rd3 Bf5 33.Qxf8+ Kxf8 34.Rd8+ Kg7 35.Rxc8 Bxc8 36.Re8 %-% (36) 18.a4 g6 19♗e3 ♖ac8 (2512)-Costantini,R (2459) corr 2012 CYB 12 [,Microsoft] Twan Burg,Martin Vlasveld: 'Weiß gewinnt eine Figur zurück, aber das Ende der Partie ist ein Unentschieden.
'

[70] **6...e6** 7.bxc5
[7.Nf3 Nge7 8.bxc5 dxc5 9.Na4 b6 10.Bb2 Nd4 11.Ba1 0-0 12.Nxd4 cxd4∓]
7...dxc5 8.Nge2 Nge7 9.0-0 0-0 10.d3 b6 11.Be3 Nd4 12.f3 Nec6 13.Bf2 Bb7∓
6...cxb4 7.axb4 Nf6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Nxe4
[9...Bd7 10.b5 Na5 11.Ba2 Rc8∞]
10.Nxe4 d5∞

[71] **8.d3**
[8.0-0 Nd4 9.Bb2 a6 10.Ba2 b5 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.Ne2 e5∓]
8...b6 9.0-0 e6
[9...Nd4 10.h3 Bb7 11.Ba2 Rc8 12.Bb2 Nxe2+ 13.Nxe2 c4∞]
10.Ba2 Bb7∞ Part Chapter-Games Game 8

[72] or **5.bxc5** dxe4 6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.Bb5 , as in C.Howell-A.Rawlinson, British League 2007, and now
[however, even the superior 7.Qxe4 Nf6 8.Qh4 0-0 9.Nf3 e5 leaves Black with excellent play for his pawn]
, as in C.Howell-A.Rawlinson, British League 2007, and now 7...Nf6! 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.Qxc6+ Bd7 10.Qb7 0-0 would have cast serious doubt on White's concept

[73] **6...Nc6**

[74] **8.c4** Qd8 9.Bb2
[9.bxc5 Ne4 10.Ra2 Nxc5 11.d4]
9...b6 10.0-0 Bb7 Richard Palliser: 'Black had a very easy game in S.Mamedyarov-V. Kotronias, Calvia Olympiad 2004.' 11.Qb3 Nc6 '∓' 12.bxc5 Na5 13.Qc2 bxc5 Bangiev,Alexander J: '⇄' Bangiev,Alexander J: 'Siehe 0-1 Mamedyarov,S-Kotronias,V/Mallorca 2004/CBM 104 (63)' 14.d3 Nh5 15.Bxg7 Nxg7 16.Nbd2

Ne6 17.Rab1 Qc7 Andrew Martin : '∓' Andrew Martin : 'Mamedyarov, S-Kotronias, V/ Mallorca 2004 I prefer Black with his better Bishop and control over d4. Andrew Martin: 'Mamedyarov, S-Kotronias, V/Mallorca 2004 I prefer Black with his better Bishop and control over d4." Mamedyarov,S (2660)-Kotronias,V (2599) Mallorca 2004 0-1 (63) 18.Rfe1 Nc6 Andrew Martin: '∓' Andrew Martin: 'Mamedyarov, S-Kotronias, V/Mallorca 2004 Black went on to win in 104 moves with his grip on d4 and slightly better bishop..' 19.Nb3 a5 20.Bf1

[20.a4]

20...a4 21.Nc1 Ncd4 22.Nxd4 Nxd4 23.Qd2 Rad8 24.Ne2 Nb3 25.Qe3 Rfe8 26.h4 e5 27.h5 Re6 28.Qg3 Qe7 29.Nc3 Bc6 30.Rb2 Nd4 31.Reb1 Kg7 32.Rb8 Nb3 33.Rxd8 Qxd8 ChessBase II: 'Mamedyarov,S (2660)-Kotronias,V (2599) Mallorca 2004 0-1 (63)' 34.Re1 Qf6 35.Ne4

[35.f3]

[35.Be2]

35...Bxe4 36.Rxe4 Nd4 37.Be2 Nf5 38.Qh2 Re7 39.Bf1

[39.hxg6]

39...g5 40.Qh3 h6 41.Re1 Rb7 42.Qf3 Rb2 43.Qe4 Nd4 44.Qxe5 Qxe5 45.Rxe5 Nb3 46.g4

[46.d4 cxd4 47.c5 Rc2 48.c6 Rxc6 49.Bb5 Rc1+ 50.Kh2 Nc5]

46...Rb1 47.Kg2 Ra1 48.Be2 Nd4 49.Re3 Rxa3 50.Bf3 Ne6 51.Kh2 Rc3 52.Bd5 a3 53.Bxe6 a2 54.Re1 fxe6 55.Ra1 Ra3 56.Kg2 Kf6 57.Kf1 Ke5 58.Ke2 Kf4 59.Kd2 e5 60.Kc2 Kxg4 61.Kb2 Ra6 62.Rg1+ Kf3 63.Ka1 Kxf2 0-1 (63) Mamedyarov,S (2660)-Kotronias,V (2599) Mallorca 2004 CBM 104 [GM Ioannis Papaioannou]

[75] **4.Bc4** Nc6 5.0-0 e6 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.Rb1?!

[7.Ne2]

7...d5= 8.exd5 exd5 9.Ba2 a5 10.Qe2 0-0 11.d3 Bg4 12.Bg5 Re8 13.Qd1 Qd7 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.h3 Bf5 16.Re1 a4 17.Qd2 b5 18.Ne5 Qd6 19.f4 b4 20.Nd1 Bh6 21.axb4 f6 22.Nf3 cxb4 23.g3 b3 24.cxb3 axb3 25.Bxb3 Qb6+ 26.Qe3 Qxb3 27.g4 Bd7 28.Qc5 Qxd3 29.Nf2 Qxf3 30.Rxe7 Rxe7 31.Qxe7 Qg3+ 32.Kf1 Bb5+ 33.Ke1 Qg1+ 34.Kd2 Qxf2+ 35.Kc3 Rc8+ 36.Kb4 Bf8 37.Qxf8+ Kxf8 38.Kxb5 Qc5+ 39.Ka4 Ra8+ 40.Kb3 Qc4# 0-1 (40) Valero,L-Whitehead,J (2240) Mexico City 1980 MCD [ChessBase II]

4.c3

[76] **8.d3** a6 9.Re1 9.Ba2 is the modern continuation. 9.La2 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.

[9.Bg5 9.Ba2 is becoming the main line. 9.La2 wird zur Hauptvariante. b5 10.Ba2 h6 11.Be3 Bb7 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Rae1 Nd7N *(*Vorgänger: *13...e5 14.Nh2 g5 15.Ne2 Nd4 16.Ng3 d5 17.f3 Ne6 18.Nf5 d4 19.Bf2 Nf4* 1-0 (39) Rogers,J (2296)-Milliet,S (2387) BCF-chT1c 1617 (4NCL) Promotion pool 2016 (9.38) *)* 14.Nh2 Nd4 15.Nd1 a5 16.c3 Nc6 17.f4 b4 18.f5 a4 19.axb4 cxb4 20.cxb4

a3 21.bxa3 Rxa3 22.Bd5 Nb6 23.Bxc6 Bxc6 24.Qc1 Qa8 25.Bxb6 Rxd3 26.Nf2 Rc3 27.Qd1 gxf5 28.Bd4 Bxd4 29.Qxd4 Rc2 30.Rc1 Rxc1 31.Rxc1 fxe4 32.Nhg4 f5 33.Qe3 fxg4 34.Nxg4 Rg8 35.Qxh6# 1-0 (35) Ohanyan,E (2468)-Belli,G (2109) Chess.com INT 2024]

9...b5 10.Ba2 e6 11.Bf4N

[Vorgänger: 11.Be3 h6 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Ne2 Bb7 14.Ng3 Rc8 15.c3 Ne5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.b4 0-1 (49) Aronian,L (2742)-Sarana,A (2685) Julius Baer Rapid Div 2 W 2023 (2.1)]

11...Qc7 12.Qd2 Nd7 13.Rad1 Rb8 14.Bh6 b4 15.axb4 Rxb4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Ne2 Qb8 18.Rb1 a5 19.c3 Rb6 20.h4 h6 21.Ng3 Nce5 22.Nxe5 dxe5 23.Bc4 Ba6 24.Bxa6 Rxa6 25.Nf1 Rd6 26.Ne3 Rd8 27.Nc4 Ra6 28.Ra1 Nb6 29.Ne3 h5 30.g4 Rh8 31.Kg2 Qd8 32.g5 a4 33.Red1 Ra7 34.Qe2 Qe7 35.Qf3 Rb8 36.Rd2 Rd8 37.Rad1 Rad7 38.Qg3 Qd6 39.Qf3 Qe7 40.Qg3 Qd6 41.Qf3 Qe7 ½-½ (41) Nihal,S (2688)-Nakamura,H (2788) Chess.com INT 2023

[77] Sicilian Defens: 'White could return the game to "normal channels" with' **3.Nc3** Nf6 Black continues to develop his pieces and does not determine the pawn structure. 4.Bc4

[4.Nf3 d6

A) 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 leads to a position of open Sicilian type, when Black has to decide in which of the popular systems the move 2.a3 will be of least importance and probably the Dragon with g6!? is the best way to highlight its inconsistency. *(6...e5* is yet another promising option - *7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 Be6 9.Ba2 0-0 10.0-0 h6 11.Qd3 Rc8)* 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 *(9...d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Qxd5 13.Bxg7 Qxd1 14.Rfxd1 Kxg7 15.c4 b6=)* 10.Qd2 Ng4 11.Bxg4 Bxg4 12.f3 Bd7= and Black will try to exploit the c4-outpost.;

B) 5.Bb5 can be answered similar to what have already observed in Chapter 13 against a fianchettoed bishop - 5...Bd7 6.0-0 e5 with stable control over the central squares.]

4...e6!? A logical idea to limit the scope of the bishop. 5.Ba2

[in reply to 5.Nf3 , apart from the prepared push of the d-pawn, Black has Nxe4! 6.Nxe4 d5 △7.Qe2 dxc4 8.Qxc4 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.d3 Be7 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Bc3 Rc8∓]

[5.d3

A) Or 5...a6 maybe it is all in the mind that makes Black want to replicate White's advance of the a-pawn Lane,Gary: 'maybe it is all in the mind that makes Black want to replicate White's advance of the a-pawn' 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nf3 Qc7 *(7...b5 8.Ba2 d5* looks good and achieves easy equality *)* 8.0-0 b5 9.Ba2 0-0 10.Re1 d6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 Rac8 13.h3 when a draw was shortly agreed, Rost van Tonningen,O-Kauder,H/Potsdam 1997. Lane,Gary: 'when a draw was shortly agreed, Rost van Tonningen,O-Kauder,H/Potsdam 1997.';

B) 5...d5 Lane,Gary: 'Or' 6.exd5 exd5 7.Bb5 a6 I don't think Black should

encourage Schukin to take the knight in order to double the c-pawns because this likely to be part of the plan. Lane,Gary: 'I don't think Black should encourage Schukin to take the knight in order to double the c-pawns because this likely to be part of the plan.' 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.h3 h6 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Bd2 This is rather quiet but it is not obvious how White can respond positively. Lane,Gary: 'This is rather quiet but it is not obvious how White can respond positively.' Rb8 14.Rb1 Bf5 15.Qc1 Rfe8 16.b4? I presume White wishes to free his position but it is not worth giving away a pawn. Lane,Gary: 'I presume White wishes to free his position but it is not worth giving away a pawn. ' *(16.Ne2* to safely play b2-b4 is more logical. *)* 16...Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 cxb4 18.axb4 Bxb4 19.Nd4 Re8! Lane,Gary: 'White was relying on' *(*White was relying on *19...Bd7* when White fights back with *20.Rxb4! Rxb4 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Bxb4 Nxb4 23.Qxb4 c5 24.Qc4* with an equal game. *)* 20.Qc1 Bxc3 21.Bxc3 Bc8 22.Nf3 Nh5 23.Bd2 Re6 24.d4 Nf6 Black is indulging in little manoeuvres while he contemplates how to make progress with his extra pawn. Lane,Gary: 'Black is indulging in little manoeuvres while he contemplates how to make progress with his extra pawn.' 25.Bf4 Qe7?! Lane,Gary: 'I think' *(*I think *25...Qa5* maintains Black advantage because *26.Rb8* is met by *Re8)* 26.Rb8 Qf8 27.c4 *(27.Ne5!* really makes Black suffer for his carelessness because the knight is very well placed. Lane,Gary: 'really makes Black suffer for his carelessness because the knight is very well placed.' *)* 27...dxc4 28.Qxc4 Nd7 Black makes sure that a knight on the e5 square will now be exchanged. Lane, Gary: 'Black makes sure that a knight on the e5 square will now be exchanged.' 29.Rb1 Qd8 30.d5?! White should not encourage Black to get rid of his weak c-pawn because the rook on e6 is tied up defending it. Lane,Gary: 'White should not encourage Black to get rid of his weak c-pawn because the rook on e6 is tied up defending it.' cxd5 31.Qxd5 Qf8 32.Rc1 Nb6 33.Qa5 Bb7
Now Black starts again to make slow progress in his efforts to exploit the extra pawn. Lane,Gary: 'Now Black starts again to make slow progress in his efforts to exploit the extra pawn.' 34.Ne5 Qa8 35.f3 Nd5 36.Bg3 Qb8 37.Ng6 Qe8 38.Nf4 Nxf4 39.Bxf4 Rg6 40.Re1 Qc6 41.Qd8+ Kh7 42.Qd3 Qxf3?? Lane,Gary: 'Or' *(*Or *42...Qb5* maintains Black advantage due to the passed pawn. Lane,Gary: 'maintains Black advantage due to the passed pawn.' *)*

B1) Why not 43.Qxg6+ Kxg6 *(43...Kxg6)* 44.gxf3 winning easily.;

B2) 43.Qxf3?? Lane,Gary: 'Why not' 43...Bxf3 44.g3 a5 Black is two pawns up and despite the opposite coloured bishops there is little chance of White salvaging a draw. The game concluded: Lane,Gary: 'Black is two pawns up and despite the opposite coloured bishops there is little chance of White salvaging a draw. The game concluded:' 45.Ra1 Ra6 46.Kf2 Bd5 47.Ra3 a4 48.Ke3 Bb3 49.Kd4 g5 50.Bc1 Kg6 51.Ra1 Be6 52.h4 gxh4 53.gxh4 Kh5 54.Ke5 Bb3 55.Ba3 Kxh4 56.Rh1+ Kg3 57.Ke4 Re6+ 58.Kd3 Kg4 59.Rg1+ Due tot he fast time-limits players are encouraged to play on to the very end! Lane,Gary: 'Due tot he fast time-limits players are

encouraged to play on to the very end!' Kf5 60.Bc1 Ra6 61.Ba3 h5 62.Ke3 h4 63.Bb4 a3 64.Kf2 a2 65.Bc3 h3 66.Rh1 Kg4 67.Rg1+ Kh5 68.Ba1 Be6 69.Kg3 Rb6 70.Kf4 Rb4+ 71.Ke5 Rb1 0-1 (71) Shchukin,I-Golichenko,I Kiev 2004 [Gary Lane]]

5...d5 with comfortable play for Black, since 6.exd5 exd5 7.d3 cannot seriously disturb his proud center - 7...Be7 8.h3 0-0 9.Nf3 h6 10.0-0 d4 11.Ne2 Re8 12.Bf4 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Ng3 Be6 15.Bxe6 Qxe6∓ Black is better due to his space advantage.

[78] ChessBase II: 'RR' **3...Nf6** Warzecha,Helmut(GER): '!' This move takes all the fun away for White. 4.b5 The main move.

[A) 4.bxc5?! '?' Nxe4 is just horrible for White. The c5 -pawn is hanging and *(4...e5)* 5.d4?! Qa5+ gives Black a crushing initiative. White opened up files in gambit fashion, but Black is the side with the developed pieces! White's center will crumble after ... e5 , ... d6 or ... b6 .]

[B) 4.Nc3 allows Black to just get a good center after d5 or 5.e5 . White's queenside pawn moves look like a waste of time.]

4...Nd4 Warzecha,Helmut(GER): 'N!' Warzecha,Helmut(GER): 'Vorschlag von GM Bezgodov'

[4...Ne5 5.f4 Ng6 *(5...Neg4* '?' *6.e5* '+-' *)* 6.d3 '!' *(6.e5 Nd5 7.g3 d6* '⇄' *)* 6...Qa5+ 7.Bd2 Qxb5 '?' 8.f5 Ne5 9.d4 Nc4 10.a4 Qa6 11.Na3 Nb2 12.Qb1 Qb6 13.a5 Qc6 14.d5 Qc7 *(14...Nxd5* '?' *15.exd5 Qxd5 16.Qxb2* '+-' *)* 15.Qxb2 Nxe4 16.Nf3 '±']

5.e5 '!?'

[5.c3 White should get rid off this knight rather sooner than later. Ne6 6.e5 The most aggressive move. If White protects e4 , Black will just develop the kingside and then open the position with ...d5 or ...a6 . *(6.d3* If White protects e4 , Black will just develop the kingside and then open the position with ...d5 or ...a6 . The following sample line is really typical. *g6 7.g3 Bg7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Ne2 a6!* was a typical continuation in Nepomniachtchi - Dubov, Moscow Blitz 2018. was a typical continuation in Nepomniachtchi - Dubov, Moscow Blitz 2018 . White just spent way too many tempi on passive pawn moves and Black will just create pressure by opening some files. *)* 6...Nd5 The position looks like a weird Alapin - just that White spent more time on pawn moves than usual. Black typically attacks White's pawn center with ...d7 - d6 , but our lead in development also justifies more aggressive plans. typically transposes.

A) 7.Qb3 The main move in Correspondence chess to win some tempi. '!?'

A1) 7...Ndc7 is also possible even though Black has to be slightly more careful not to land in a passive, restricted position. Still, putting the knight on c7 has the advantage that 8.Nf3 b6 , followed by ...Bb7 is possible which has also given Black decent results.;

A2) 7...Nec7 8.d4 d6 9.dxc5 dxe5 *(9...dxc5 10.Nf3* '⩲' *)* 10.b6 '!' Ne6 *(10...axb6* '?' *11.cxb6 Ne6 12.Bb5+* '+-' *)* 11.Bc4 Nf6 12.Nf3 '↑';

A3) 7...Nb6 Black has no perfect square for the knight, but for the moment this is the most active square available. In some positions even ... c5 -c4 might be an idea.

A3a) 8.a4 Threatening a4 - a5 . '!?'

A3a1) 8...d5 9.a5 c4 10.Qa2 Nd7 11.d4 cxd3 12.Qxd5 g6 13.Bxd3 Bg7 14.f4 0-0 15.Bc4 Qc7 16.Nf3 Rd8 17.Qe4 Ndc5 18.Qe3 '⩲';

A3a2) 8...Qc7! 9.a5 *(9.f4?! c4 10.Qd1 g5!; 9.Nf3 Ng5! 10.Nxg5 Qxe5+ 11.Be2 Qxg5 12.0-0 Qe5!?)* 9...Qxe5+ 10.Be2 Nf4! *(10...Nd5?! 11.d4)* 11.axb6 Nd3+ 12.Kf1 *(12.Kd1 Nxf2+ 13.Kc2 Nxh1)* 12...Nxc1 13.Qd1 Nxe2 14.Rxa7 Rb8 15.Qxe2 Qf6;

A3a3) 8...d6 Putting White's center under pressure and giving the knight a square on d7 . '!'

A3a31) 9.Nf3 g5! is still a great recipe to punish White aggressively for their lack of development. is still a great recipe to punish White aggressively for their lack of development. Still a great recipe to punish White aggressively for their lack of development. *(9...dxe5 10.Nxe5 Qd6)*;

A3a32) 9.a5 Nd7 10.exd6 Played in the most games with this position. *(10.Nf3 g5!* is still the best recipe even though I see you wondering why Black doesn't simply play dxe5 or Nxe5 . And yes, even those moves are better for Black. *)* 10...exd6

A3a321) 11.Nf3 allows the typical Yes, this allows g5 and that move would also be pretty good, but we have a move that's borderline winning. Ouch! Even better than 11...g5 , but even stronger is Qe7!-+ when White faces big problems on the e-file. The engine already gives Black a decisive advantage. . White faces big problems on the e-file. The engine already gives Black a decisive advantage. *(11...Qe7)*;

A3a322) 11.d3 White cannot push the pawn to d4 , so this is the best way to develop. 11...g5 Not forced, but I think a nice move to end this trainable. Even without a knight on f3 , this move is justified. White simply cannot punish Black for this 'overextension' as they have no development while Black just wins space and especially fights for the control over the dark squares. Nf3 gets answered with ... g4 . Besides that, we will just play ... Bg7 , ... O-O , maybe ... h5 , ... Ne5 . 2) Cutting the Wing Gambits --%2.a3 #1%

A3b) 8.Nf3 d5 *(8...g5!* is an idea to remember. Black is preparing ...Bg7 and also ...g4 in some positions with great counterplay against White's center. *)* 9.d4;

B) B) 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 d6 would most likely transpose to variation A, but the engines claim that in this move order, with the d5 -square clearly under Black's control, 9.b6!? , followed by ...Bb7 is even better.;

C) C) . 7.Bc4 Nb6 doesn't help White. *(7...Ndc7 8.Ne2 d5 9.exd6 exd6*

10.a4 d5 11.Ba2 Bd6);
D) A) After normal development moves such as 7.Nf3 Warzecha,Helmut(GER): '=' After normal development moves like this one, we can just attack White's center. Warzecha,Helmut(GER): 'Wenn es hier für Weiß nichts besseres gibt,ist die Idee 2.a3!? unattraktiv!' 7...d6 Attacking White's center pawns. '!' White typically doesn't want to give up the center. So a typical continuation is '!' 8.d4 White typically doesn't want to give up the center. cxd4 The typical move, not allowing c3 - c4 and d4 - d5 with tempo. The typical move, not allowing c3-c4 and d4-d5 with tempo. 9.cxd4 Nef4 *(9...g6* Followed by ...Bg7 , ...O-O with good counterplay against White's center. , followed by ...Bg7 , ...O-O with good counterplay against White's center. *10.Bc4 Nb6 11.Bb3□ dxe5 12.Nxe5 Bg7 13.Bb2* hält die weiße Stellung *Bxe5 14.dxe5 Qxd1+ 15.Bxd1 Nf4 16.0-0 Be6 17.Bc1?* Zeitverschwendung *Nd3 18.Be2?! Nxe5! 19.Bb2 f6 20.Re1 Nec4 21.Bxc4 Nxc4 22.Bxf6 exf6 23.Rxe6+ Kf7 24.Re2 Rhd8 25.Nc3 Rac8 26.a4 Nb6!?∓ 27.Re3 f5 28.a5!? Nc4 29.Rh3 h5 30.a6 b6 31.f4 Rc5 32.Rf3 h4 33.Rh3 Kf6 34.Re1 Nb2 35.Rb1 Rd2 36.Re3 Nc4 37.Re8 Nd6 38.Re3 Rd4! 39.Rf3 Kf7 40.Rb3 Rcc4 41.Rb1 Rxf4 42.Rxf4 Rxf4 43.Rd1 Ke6 44.Re1+ Kd7 45.Nd5 Rd4 46.Ne7 Nxb5 47.Nxg6 Ra4! 48.Re5 Nc7 49.Rxf5 b5 50.Rf7+ Kd6 51.Rf6+ Kd5 52.Rf5+ Ke6 53.Rh5 Rxa6! 54.Nf4+ Kd6 55.Rh6+ Kc5 56.Rxh4 Rd6 57.Kf2 a5 58.Ke2 a4 59.Nd3+ Kb6 60.Rh8 a3 61.Nc1 Ka5-+ 62.g4 Ka4 63.g5 b4 64.Rb8 Na6* 0-1 (64) Warzecha,H (2062)-Blask,G (2134) BdF 2007 Fernschach 2022 [Warzecha, Helmut(GER)] *)* 10.g3 Ng6 11.h4 h5 12.Bc4 dxe5 13.dxe5 Be6 14.Qb3 Nc7 15.Nc3 Bxc4 16.Qxc4 Rc8 17.Bd2 Ne6 18.Qe4 ChessBase II: 'Dobrov,V (2515)-Sutovsky,E (2624)/playchess.com INT 2006/CBM 110 ext/1-0 (101)']

5...Qc7 '!'
[5...Nd5 6.c3 Nf5 '!?']

6.exf6
[6.f4 Nd5 7.c3 Ne6 8.g3 d6 9.exd6 *(9.Bg2 Ndxf4! 10.gxf4 Nxf4 11.Be4 dxe5 12.d3 f5; 9.Nf3 g6)* 9...Qxd6 10.Nf3 *(10.Bg2? c4)* 10...g6 11.Qb3 Bg7 12.Bc4 Nec7]

6...Qe5+ 7.Ne2
[7.Be2 Nxe2 8.Nxe2 Qxa1 9.Nbc3 d5? *(9...gxf6 10.0-0 b6 11.Nf4 Bb7 12.Qh5 Rg8 13.g3 Rg7)* 10.0-0? *(10.Nxd5 Qe5 11.c4)* 10...Be6 11.d4? exf6 12.Qd3
A) 12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 *(13.Qxd4 Bd6)* 13...Rc8;
B) 12...Rc8 13.b6!? a6 14.Nf4 cxd4 15.Ncxd5 Bd6 16.Qe4 0-0? *(16...f5! 17.Qe2 d3!)* 17.Nxe6 *(17.Nxf6+! gxf6 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Bg5!! Qxf1+ 21.Kxf1 fxg5 22.Qxd6)* 17...fxe6 18.Qxe6+ Kh8 19.Qxd6 Rfd8?
B1) 20.Qe7! Qa2 *(20...Rxd5 21.Bh6)* 21.Bh6 gxh6 22.Qxf6+ Kg8 23.Ne7#;
B2) 20.Qe6? Qa2 21.Nc7 Qxe6 22.Nxe6 Rd6 23.Nc7 Rxb6 24.Nd5 Rd6

25.Nb4 a5 26.Bf4 Rd7 27.Nd3 Rxc2 28.Re1 g5 29.Bc1 Kg7 30.h4 h6 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.a4 Kf7 33.Bxg5 Re7 34.Rxe7+ Kxe7 35.Bf4 Rc3 Chapter-Games Game - 1]

7...Nxe2 8.Bxe2 Qxa1 9.Nc3 gxf6

3...d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qe6+ 6.Be2 Nd4 ChessCalisthenics: '+-' 7.bxc5 ChessCalisthenics: '⌓+-' 7...Nf6 ChessCalisthenics: '!?' 8.Kf1 Bd7 ChessCalisthenics: '=' 9.Nf3 Nxe2 ChessCalisthenics: '↑' 10.Qxe2 Qxe2+ 11.Kxe2 Rc8 ChessCalisthenics: '!?' 12.d4 Bf5 13.Rb1 b6 14.cxb6 axb6 ChessCalisthenics: '⇄' 15.Bd2 e6 16.a4 Nd7 17.d5 Primel,Dominique: 'Dobrov,V (2487)-Kharlov,A (2613)/chessassistantclub.com INT 2004/CBM 104 ext/½-½ (47)'

3...d6 4.b5 Nd4

[4...Nb8 5.g3

A) 5...Nd7 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.d3 e6 8.Nc3 d5 9.Nf3 Bd7 *(9...d4 10.Ne2 Be7 11.0-0 Nf6 12.c3 dxc3 13.Nxc3 0-0 14.a4* '⩲' *)* 10.exd5 exd5 11.a4 a5 12.bxa6 Rxa6 13.a5 d4 *(13...Nf6 14.Bg5 Nc8 15.Nxd5* '±' *)* 14.Ne4 Nd5 15.0-0 Ngf6 16.Re1 Nxe4 17.Ng5 '!';

B) 5...b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.a4 d5 *(7...a6 8.Na3* '!' *axb5 9.axb5* '⩲' *)* 8.exd5 Bxd5 9.Nf3 Nf6 10.0-0 e6 11.Nc3 Bb7 *(11...Be7* '?' *12.Nxd5* '±' *)* 12.Ne5 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Bd6 *(13...Be7 14.Qf3 Nbd7 15.Nc6* '±' *)* 14.Qf3 Nbd7 *(14...Bxe5 15.Qxa8 Qc7 16.a5 bxa5 17.f4 Bd4 18.Rxa5* '±!' *)* 15.Nc6 Ne5 16.Nxd8 Nxf3 17.Nb7 '±!';

C) 5...Nf6 6.Bg2 Bg4 7.Ne2 e6 8.f3 Bh5 9.Nf4 '⩲' Nbd7 10.Nxh5 Nxh5 11.Bb2 a6 12.f4 Nhf6 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Nd5 15.0-0 '↑' axb5 '?' 16.Bxd5 '!' exd5 17.Qh5 Qe7 *(17...g6* '?' *18.Qf3 Qe7 19.e6* '+-' *)* 18.Nc3 g6 19.Qe2 Qe6 20.Nxb5 0-0-0 21.Rxf7 '!' Qxf7 22.e6 Qe7 23.Bxh8 Nb6 24.Qe5 Bh6 25.Na7#]

[4...Ne5 5.f4

A) 5...Ng4 6.Qf3 '!?' N8f6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bb2 Be7 '?!' 9.h3 Nh6 10.g4 d5 *(10...Nd7 11.g5 Ng8 12.h4* '±' *)* 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Bxg7 Rg8 14.Bxh6 Bh4+ 15.Kd1 Qf6 16.Qe3+ Kd7 17.Qc3 Qxh6 18.Qxc5 '±';

B) 5...Bg4 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Ng6 8.g3 Nf6 9.Bb2 e5 10.f5 *(10.Nf3 exf4)* 10...Ne7 11.Nf3 g6 12.fxg6 hxg6 13.0-0 '⩲';

C) 5...Nd7 6.Nf3

C1) 6...Ngf6 '?!' 7.e5 dxe5 8.fxe5 Nd5 9.e6 '!' fxe6 10.Bb2 '⩱';

C2) 6...Qb6 '?!' 7.Nc3 a6 8.bxa6 bxa6 9.Bc4 e6 10.f5 '!' exf5 *(10...Ndf6 11.Ng5* '±' *)* 11.0-0 '!' fxe4 12.Ng5 Nh6 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Bxf7+ '!' Nxf7 15.Nxf7 Rg8 16.Nd5 Qc6 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh4 Nf6 19.Nxf6+ Kxf7 20.Rb6 '+-';

C3) 6...e5 7.fxe5 dxe5 *(7...Nxe5 8.Bb2 Nf6 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Qf3 Bd6 11.a4 Bg4 12.Qe3 0-0 13.Na3 Be6 14.Bc4* '⩲' *)* 8.a4 a6 9.Nc3 axb5 10.Nxb5 Ngf6 11.Bd3 Be7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.0-0 Ng4 14.Qe1 f6 15.h3 Nh6 16.Qf2 '⩲';

C4) 6...f6 '?!' 7.Bc4 '±';

D) 5...Ng6 6.g3 e5 *(6...Qc7 7.Bb2 e6 8.Nf3 b6 9.c4 Bb7 10.Nc3 Be7 11.Bg2 Rd8 12.0-0 Nf6 13.d3 h6 14.Qe2* '⩲' *a6* '?' *15.f5 exf5 16.exf5 Ne5 17.bxa6 Bxa6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.Bxe5* '+-' *)* 7.f5 N6e7 8.c4 g6 9.fxg6 hxg6 10.Bg2 Nf6 11.Nc3 Bg7 12.Nf3 a6 13.bxa6 Rxa6 14.0-0 '⩲' Bh3 '?!' 15.Bxh3 Rxh3 16.d3 Qd7 17.Ng5 Rh5 18.Ra2 '±']

5.c3 Ne6 6.Bc4

[6.d4

A) 6...Bd7 7.d5 Nc7 8.c4 g6 9.Bd3 Bg7 10.Ra2 Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.Qb3 '⩲';

B) 6...Nf6 7.d5 Nc7 8.Nd2 '!?' *(8.c4 g6 9.Ra2)* 8...g6 9.c4 Bg7 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Bd3 a6 12.a4 '⩲' Nfxd5 '!?' 13.Bxg7 Nb4 14.Bxf8 Nxd3+ 15.Ke2 Nf4+ 16.Kf3 Nd3 17.Ke3 '!' *(17.Bh6* '?' *Bg4+ 18.Kxg4 Nxf2+ 19.Kf3 Nxd1 20.Rxd1* '⩱' *)* 17...Ne5 18.b6 Ne8 19.Bh6 Ng4+ 20.Ke2 Nxh6 21.a5 '⩲';

C) 6...g6 7.d5 Nc7 8.c4 Bg7 9.Ra2 Nf6 *(9...a6* '?' *10.b6* '+-' *)* 10.Bd3 0-0 11.a4 b6 12.Ne2 '⩲' a6 13.Qb3 Ng4 14.0-0 e6 15.h3 Ne5 16.Bc2 Bb7 17.Nd2 Qh4 18.f4 Nd7 19.Nf3 Qe7 20.Re1 '↑';

D) 6...cxd4 7.cxd4

D1) 7...Qa5+ 8.Bd2 Qb6 9.Nc3 '↑!?';

D2) 7...Bd7 8.Be3 Qa5+ 9.Qd2 Qxd2+ 10.Nxd2 Rc8 *(10...g6* '?!' *11.Rc1* '⩲' *)* 11.b6 '!' a6 *(11...axb6 12.Nc4* '⩲' *)* 12.Bc4 Nf6 13.f3 g6 14.Ne2 Bg7 15.Kf2 0-0 16.Rhc1 '⩲';

D3) 7...g6 '!?' 8.Be3 '!?' Bg7 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Bd3 0-0 11.h3 '⩲';

D4) 7...Nf6 8.f3 '!?' Bd7 9.Be3 Rc8 10.Bd3 Qb6 11.Ne2 '!' Bxb5 12.Nbc3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 '⩱' g6 14.Rb1 Qa6 15.Qxa6 bxa6 16.Kf2 Nd8 17.Rb4 Nc6 18.Rb7 '!' Bg7 19.Rc1 0-0 20.Nd5 '!' e6 21.Rxc6 exd5 22.Rxd6 dxe4 23.Bg5 '!' Ne8 24.Rxa6 exf3 25.Kxf3 '±';

D5) 7...d5 8.e5

D5a) 8...a6 9.Nc3 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Qb3 Nh6 12.Qxd5;

D5b) 8...Qb6 9.Nf3 Bd7 10.Nc3 Nc7 11.Na4 Qg6 *(11...Qa5+* '??' *12.Bd2 Qxa4 13.Qxa4* '+-' *)* 12.Nc5 Bxb5 13.e6 '!' Bxf1 14.Ne5 Qxg2 15.exf7+ Kd8 16.fxg8Q Rxg8 17.Rxf1 '+-';

D5c) 8...g6 9.Nf3 Nh6 10.Bd3 Nf5 11.Qa4 Bg7 12.0-0 '⩲';

D5d) 8...Bd7 9.Nc3 '!' Qa5 *(9...Rc8 10.Nxd5* '±' *)* 10.Qd3 g6 11.Bd2 Qd8 12.Nxd5 '±';

D6) 7...Qb6

D6a) 8.Be3 Bd7 *(8...Nf6 9.Nc3 Qa5 10.Qd2 Ng4 11.Bd3 g6 12.Nge2 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bg7 14.Nd5* '↑' *)* 9.Nc3 Qa5 *(9...Rc8* '?!' *10.Nd5* '⩲' *)* 10.Qb3 Rc8 11.Rc1 Nf6 12.Bd3 Ng4 13.Nge2 Nxe3 14.fxe3 g6 15.0-0 Bh6 16.Nd5 '⩲' Rxc1 17.Rxc1 0-0 18.Qb4 Qd8 *(18...Qxb4 19.axb4 Re8 20.Ra1* '±' *)* 19.Qe1 Re8 20.Kh1 '⩲';

D6b) 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Nc3

D6b1) 9...Nc7 '??' 10.Na4 Qa5+ 11.Bd2;

D6b2) 9...Bd7 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Bd2 Qb6 *(11...Qd8* '?!' *12.e5 Ng8*

13.Bc4 Rc8 14.Bd5 Qb6 15.0-0 Bxb5 16.Rb1 a6 17.a4 '+-' *)* 12.Qa4 g6 13.Be2 Bg7 14.e5 Ng4 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.h3 Nh6 17.Qb4 '⩲';
D6b3) 9...g6 10.h3 *(10.e5* '?!' *dxe5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Qe2 Bg7* '⩲' *)* 10...Bg7 11.Bc4 0-0 12.0-0 Bd7 13.e5 '!' Ne8 14.Qd3 Rc8 15.Rb1 dxe5 16.dxe5 Qc7 17.Rb4 Nc5 18.Qe3 e6 19.Rd1 '⩲']

3...b6 4.b5 Nd4

[4...Na5 5.c4 Bb7 6.Nc3 d6 7.g3 Nf6 *(7...Qd7 8.d3 0-0-0* '?!' *9.Bg2 e6 10.Nf3 g6 11.0-0 Bg7 12.Bd2 Kb8 13.Rb1 h5 14.Na4* '±' *)* 8.d3 g6 9.Bg2 Bg7 10.Nge2 0-0 11.0-0 e6 12.f4 d5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.e5 Ne8 15.d4 *(15.Bd2* '↑!?' *)* 15...Nc7 16.Be3 Nc4 *(16...cxd4 17.Nxd4 Qd7 18.Qe2* '⩲' *)* 17.Bf2 '⩲']

[4...Ne5 5.f4 '!?' Ng6 6.g3 d5 7.Bg2 e5 8.Bb2 d4 9.f5 N6e7 10.a4 '!' a6 11.Na3 axb5 12.axb5 Bb7 13.Nc4 Rxa1 14.Qxa1 '⩲']

[4...Nb8 5.Bc4

A) 5...e5 '??' 6.Bd5 '+-';

B) 5...a6 6.Bxf7+ *(6.Nc3* '!?' *e6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.bxa6 Bxa6 9.Bxa6 Rxa6 10.Qe2 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nb5 Nc6 13.c4 d6 14.Bb2* '↑' *)* 6...Kxf7 7.Qh5+ g6 8.Qd5+ e6 9.Qxa8 Qc7 10.Nc3 Ne7 11.bxa6 Bxa6 12.Nge2 '⩱';

C) 5...Bb7 6.Nf3 e6 *(6...Bxe4* '?' *7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Ng5+ Ke8 9.Nxe4* '±' *d5 10.Qh5+ g6 11.Qe5 dxe4 12.Qxh8 Nf6 13.Bb2* '±' *)* 7.Qe2 Be7 8.0-0

C1) 8...d6 9.Bb2 Nf6 10.e5 Ng4 11.d4 d5 12.Ba2 Nd7 13.c4 dxc4 14.Nbd2 '↑';

C2) 8...Bf6 9.e5 Be7 *(9...Bxf3* '?' *10.Qxf3 Bxe5 11.d4* '!' *Bxd4 12.c3 d5 13.cxd4* '±' *)* 10.d4 '!?' d5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Ne5 Nf6 14.Nc3 '↑' 0-0 15.Nxf7 '!' Kxf7 16.Bxe6+ '!' Ke8 17.Re1 '!';

C3) 8...Nf6 9.e5 Nd5 10.d4 0-0 11.dxc5 '!?' *(11.Bd3 f5 12.c4 Nc7 13.d5* '⩱' *)* 11...Bxc5 12.Bd3

C3a) 12...a6 '?' 13.Bxh7+ '!' Kxh7 14.Ng5+ Kg6 15.h4 '+-' Qe7 *(15...Rh8 16.Qe4+ f5 17.exf6+ Kxf6 18.Nxe6 dxe6 19.Bg5+ Kf7 20.Bxd8 Rxd8 21.c4 axb5 22.cxd5 Bxd5 23.Qf4+* '+-' *)* 16.h5+ Kh6 17.Qe4 Nf4 18.Qxf4 f6 19.Nxe6+ Kh7 20.Nxf8+ Qxf8 '+-';

C3b) 12...f5 13.c4 Nc7 14.Nbd2 d5 15.exd6 Bxd6 16.Rd1 Nd7 17.Nb3 Qe7 18.Bg5 Nf6 19.Ne5 '⩲';

C4) 8...d5 9.exd5 Bxd5 *(9...exd5 10.Bb2 Nf6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Bd3* '±' *)* 10.Bxd5 Qxd5 11.Nc3 Qb7 12.Ne5

C4a) 12...Bf6 '?' 13.Nc4 Qc7 '?' *(13...Be7 14.Ne4 Qd5 15.Bb2 Nf6 16.Ncd6+* '!' *Bxd6 17.Bxf6 0-0 18.Qg4 g6 19.Qh4 h5 20.c4 Qd3 21.Qg5 Kh7 22.Nxd6 Qxd6 23.Be7* '+-' *)* 14.Qe4 '+-';

C4b) 12...Nf6 13.f4 0-0 14.Bb2 '⩲';

D) 5...e6 6.Qe2 Bb7 7.Nf3]

5.c3 Ne6 6.d4 cxd4

[6...Bb7 7.d5 Nc7 8.c4 d6 9.Nf3 a5 10.Bb2 e5 *(10...Bc8 11.e5* '!?' *Bg4 12.h3* '±' *)* 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.h3 '⩲']

[6...d5 7.e5 c4 *(7...Nc7 8.a4 Bf5 9.Nf3 h6 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.Be3 e6 12.Be2*

'±' *)* 8.a4 g6 9.Na3 Bg7 10.g3 Nh6 11.Bg2 0-0 12.h4 Bb7 13.h5 g5 *(13...Nf5* '?' *14.hxg6 fxg6 15.g4* '+-' *)* 14.Nf3 f6 15.0-0 '±']
[6...d6 7.d5 Nc7 8.c4 g6 9.Bb2 Nf6 10.a4 Bg7 11.Bd3 0-0 12.Ne2 '±']
7.cxd4 Bb7
[7...d5 8.e5 g6 *(8...Nc7 9.Nc3 g6 10.Bd3 Bg7 11.Nf3 Nh6 12.h3 0-0 13.0-0* '±' *)* 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.Bd3 f6 11.0-0 fxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxd4 *(12...Nf6 13.Be3* '±' *)* 13.Bxg6+ hxg6 14.Qxd4 Rh5 15.Bf4 Nh6 16.Nd2 Nf7 17.Rfe1 Bf5 18.Be3 '↑']
[7...d6 8.f4 Bb7 9.f5 Nc7 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.Bd3 e5 12.d5 Be7 13.Nf3 0-0 14.a4 Rc8 15.0-0 Nd7 16.a5 Nc5 17.Na4 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 bxa5 19.Be3 Ra8 20.Nd2 '±']
[7...Qc7 8.Bb2 '!' Bb7 9.Nd2 Nf6 10.Rc1 Qd8 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ngf3 '±']
8.Nc3 Rc8
[8...Nf6 9.f3 Rc8 10.Nge2 g6 11.Be3 Bg7 12.Rc1]
[8...d6 9.Nge2 g6 10.Be3 Bg7 11.Rc1 Nf6 12.f3 Rc8 13.g3]
9.Nge2 g6 10.Be3 Nf6 11.f3 Bg7 12.Rc1 '!' '!'
[12.Qa4 0-0 '!' 13.Qxa7 Qc7 14.Qa4 d5 15.e5 Nd7 16.Rc1 Nxe5 '↑!' 17.dxe5 '?' Qxe5 18.Bxb6 Bh6 '!' 19.Rc2 Rc4 20.Qa7 Ba8]
12...0-0
[12...d6 13.g3 0-0 14.Bh3 '!' Rc7 15.0-0 Bc8 16.Bg2 '±!']
13.h4 '!?'
[13.g3 Ne8 14.Bh3 Nd6 '⇄']
13...Ne8
[13...Nh5 14.g4 Nf6 15.h5 '↑']
14.h5 Nd6 15.Nf4 Nc4
[15...Bxd4 16.Nxe6 Bxc3+ 17.Rxc3 dxe6 18.Rxc8 Qxc8 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Qd2 '⩲']
16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Nce2 Qc7 18.Kf2 Rc8 19.Nxe6 dxe6 20.h6 '!' 20...Bf8 21.Qb3
De Sa,E-Markus,R Game 1 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '±'
3...e6

[79] Damit kann man den Zug 2.a3 kaum rechtfertigen. Energischer erscheint **4.Bc4** Nf6 5.d3 , etwa 5...cxb4
[5...d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Nf3 cxb4 8.0-0 Be7 9.axb4 Bxb4 10.c3]
6.axb4
[6.Nf3 Be7 7.axb4 Bxb4+ 8.c3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 d6 11.Nbd2 a6 12.d4 Bd7∓]
6...Bxb4+ 7.c3 Bc5 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 d6 10.d4 mit weißer Inititiative.
4.bxc5? Bxc5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be4 Bg4∓

[80] **4...Nce7** 5.Nf3 d6
[5...f6 6.Bc4 '!?' d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Be6 9.Re1 '!'
A) 9...Ne3 10.Rxe3 Bxc4 11.Bb2 Ne7 12.Bxe5 '!' fxe5 13.Nxe5 Be6

(13...Bd5 14.Nc3 g6 15.Rd3 '⩲' *)* 14.Nc3 Qd6 15.Qe2 0-0-0 16.Nc6 bxc6 17.Rxe6 Qxd2 18.Qg4 h5 *(18...Kc7 19.Qa4* '+-' *)* 19.Rxc6+ Kb7 20.Qf3;
B) 9...Bd6 10.d4 '!' cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bf7 12.Qg4 Nge7 13.Ne6 Qd7 14.Nxg7+ Kd8 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.Nc3 Rac8 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bb3 '±']

6.Bc4 Ng6
[6...h6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nc3 Ng6 9.a4 '⩱']
[6...g6 7.Ng5 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Qf3 Qxg5 10.Bxd5 Qe7 11.Bc6+ '!' Bd7 *(11...Kd8 12.Bd5* '⩱' *)* 12.Bxb7 Rb8 13.Bc6 '⩱']
[6...Nf6 7.Nc3 Be6 8.d3 '⩱']
4...Na5 5.c4 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'perhaps''
[Gary Lane: 'perhaps' 5.Nc3 Gary Lane: 'is more flexible']

5...d6 6.d3 f5 Gary Lane: 'the position is roughly equal but in practical terms it more easy for Black to play who has the ready made plan of opening the f-file for the benefit of his king's rook after castling Lane,Gary: 'the position is roughly equal but in practical terms it more easy for Black to play who has the ready made plan of opening the f-file for the benefit of his king's rook after castling'' 7.Nc3 Be7 8.g3 Nf6 9.Bg2 fxe4 10.Nxe4 Bf5 11.Nc3 a6 12.a4 0-0 13.Nge2 Qe8 Gary Lane: 'the queen prepares to transfer to the queenside in order to help create attacking chances Lane,Gary: 'the queen prepares to transfer to the queenside in order to help create attacking chances'' 14.Nd5 Bd8 Gary Lane: 'the bishop retreats in order to cover the b6 square Lane,Gary: 'the bishop retreats in order to cover the b6 square'' 15.Ne3 '⩱' 15...Bg6 16.0-0 e4 17.d4 Bh5 Gary Lane: 'with a slight edge for White, Kuipers,E-Ikonnikov,V/Vlissingen 1998.'

4...Nb8 5.Bc4 d6 6.c3 h6
[6...Nf6 7.Qb3 Qc7 8.d3 '⩱']

7.Qb3 Qe7 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.0-0 Nbd7
[9...Nxe4 '?!' 10.d4]

10.d4 cxd4 11.cxd4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Qa2 g6
[13...Nfxe4 '?!' 14.Re1 Qf6 15.Qc2 '±' Qxd4 '?' *(15...d5 16.Bxd5 Qxd4 17.Bxe4 Be6 18.Bb2 Qd7 19.Nc3* '±' *)* 16.Bb2 '+-']

14.Nc3 Bg7 15.Rd1 '!?' 15...0-0 16.f3 '⩱'

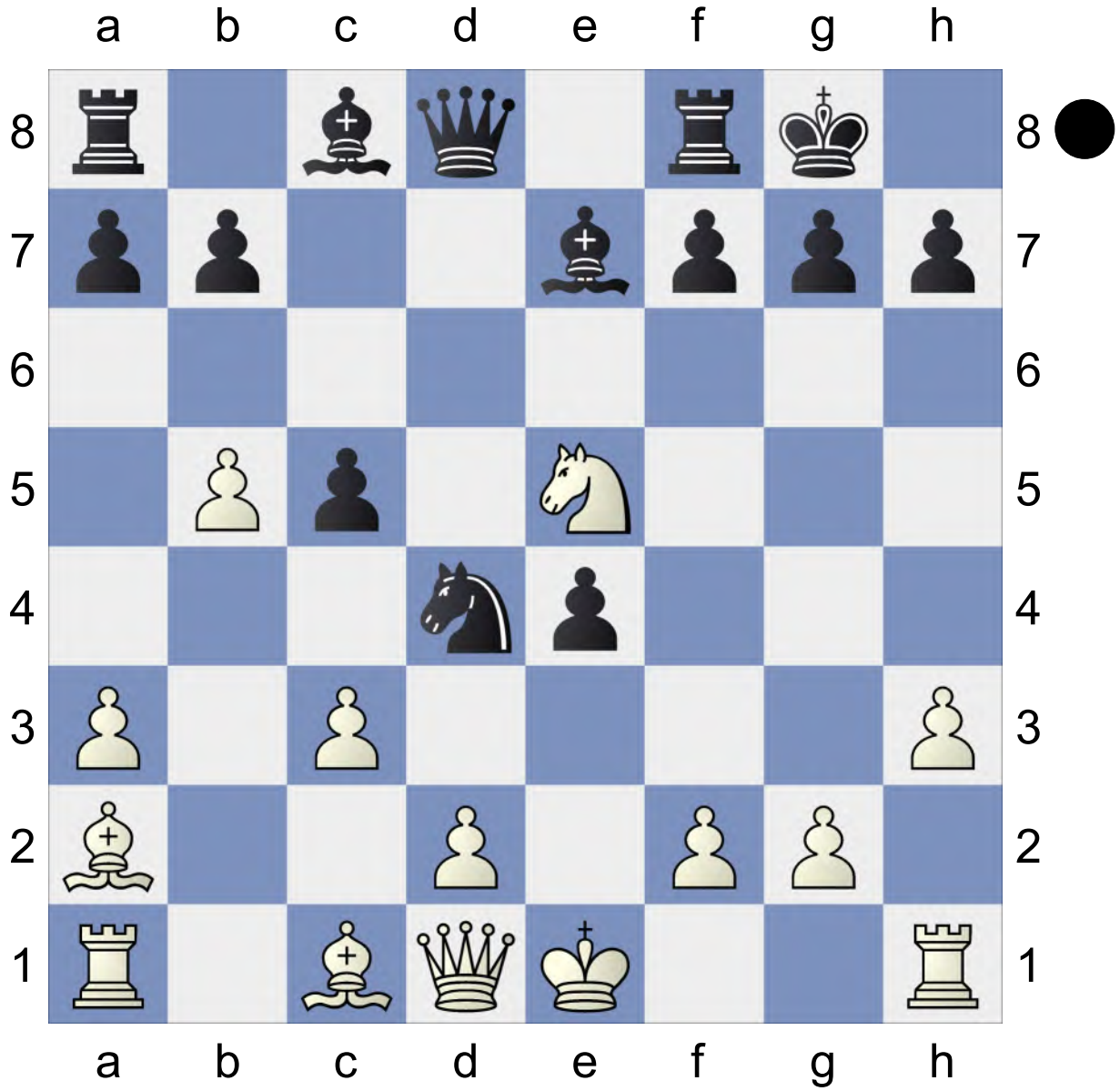
[81] **5.Nf3** Nf6 6.Nc3
[6.Nxe5 Nxe4 *(6...Qe7)*]

6...d6
[6...d5]

7.h3 Be7 8.Bc4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 d5 10.Ba2 dxe4 11.Nxe5 0-0 12.c3 ChessBase II: '

(Diagram)

' 12...Be6 13.Bxe6 Nxe6 14.Qb3 Nf4 15.0-0 Bd6 16.d4 Ne2+ 17.Kh1 cxd4 18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Qd5 Bxe5 20.Qxe5 Re8 21.Qh5 Qd7 22.Rd1 Qxb5 23.Qxb5



Nxb5 24.Rd7 Rad8 25.Rxb7 Rd1+ 26.Kh2 a6 27.a4 Nc3 28.Bb2 Rd3 29.Bxc3 Rxc3 30.Ra7 Rc6 31.a5 h6 32.Ra2 Re5 33.Rb7 Rf6 34.Rb6 Ref5 35.Kg1 Kh7 36.g4 Rg5 37.Kg2 Rxa5 38.Rab2 Rxb6 39.Rxb6 g6 40.Kg3 Ra3+ 41.Kf4 Rxh3 42.Kxe4 Ra3 43.f4 Kg7 44.f5 Ra4+ 45.Kf3 g5 46.Kg3 Ra3+ 47.Kg2 a5 48.Ra6 a4 49.Kh2 Ra1 50.Kg2 a3 51.Kh2 a2 52.Kg2 h5 53.gxh5 g4 54.Kh2 g3+ 55.Kg2 f6 56.h6+ Kh7 0-1 (56) 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1 (2408)-Wittram,T (2504) London 2016 CCYB 11 [Dragan Solak]

[82] **6.Nf3?!** Nf6 '!' One more strong counterattacking move, by which Black clearly declares his intentions to seize the initiative.

[6...Qc7 7.Bc4 Nf6 Gary Lane: 'Now both players are just keen to complete their development. Lane,Gary: 'Now both players are just keen to complete their development." 8.d3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a4 b6 11.Re1 d6 12.Nbd2 g6

Gary Lane: '?!' Gary Lane: 'This is surprising because there is no need for Malina to weaken his pawn structure especially with his bishop perched on e7. This means that the dark squares will be weak and the long-term idea of playing a future ...f7-f5 will take some time to play safely. Lane,Gary: 'This is surprising because there is no need for Malina to weaken his pawn structure especially with his bishop perched on e7. This means that the dark squares will be weak and the long-term idea of playing a future ...f7-f5 will take some time to play safely." 13.Nf1 Kg7 14.Ne3 Nf4 15.g3 Nh3+ 16.Kg2 h6 17.Nh4 Ng5 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'If Black shuffles his pieces around there is scope for White to launch a lightening attack:" *(*Gary Lane: 'If Black shuffles his pieces around there is scope for White to launch a lightening attack:' *17...Bd7 18.Qd2 Qd8 19.Nef5+* Gary Lane: '!' *gxf5 20.Qxh6+ Kg8 21.Ng6* Gary Lane: 'and White wins.' *)* 18.Bd5 Rb8 19.Bc6 Bh3+ 20.Kg1 Qc8 21.f4 exf4 22.gxf4 Ngh7 23.Nhg2 Gary Lane: 'Now that White has pushed some of Black pieces back the time is right to make progress on the kingside . Lane,Gary: 'Now that White has pushed some of Black pieces back the time is right to make progress on the kingside ." Bd7 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.f5 Gary Lane: '!' Gary Lane: 'A standard way to make Black work hard in defending this position. The advance of the f-pawn cuts the black queen off from the kingside and it also brings up the possibility of using the bishop on c1 to add weight to the onslaught. Lane,Gary: 'A standard way to make Black work hard in defending this position. The advance of the f-pawn cuts the black queen off from the kingside and it also brings up the possibility of using the bishop on c1 to add weight to the onslaught." Nh5 26.Rf1 N7f6 27.c4 Kh7 28.Kh1 Rbe8 29.Qf3 Qd8 30.Ra2 Nd7 31.Nd5 Bg5 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'Or" *(*Gary Lane: 'Or' *31...Bf6 32.Ngf4 Nxf4 33.Qxf4 g5 34.Qxd6* Gary Lane: 'is good for White who has stolen a pawn Lane,Gary: 'is good for White who has stolen a pawn" *)* 32.Bb2 Ne5 33.Bxe5 dxe5 Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'Not" *(*Gary Lane: 'Not' *33...Rxe5* Gary Lane: '?' Gary Lane: 'due to' *34.fxg6+ Kxg6 35.Qg4* Gary Lane: 'when the threat of h2-h4 is good news for White. Lane,Gary: 'when the threat of h2-h4 is good news for White." *)* 34.Qg4 Gary Lane: '?!' Gary Lane: 'This seems positive but it allows Black to exchange the strong knight on d5. Lane,Gary: 'I prefer" *(*Gary Lane: 'I prefer' *34.a5* Gary Lane: 'to stretch Black's pieces who will now have to keep guard on a white rook infiltrating on the queenside. Lane,Gary: 'to stretch Black's pieces who will now have to keep guard on a white rook infiltrating on the queenside." *)* 34...Nf6 35.Nxf6+ Bxf6 36.Rf3 h5 37.Rh3 Rh8 38.Rf2 Gary Lane: 'White should be better because his knight can eventually reach the influential d5 square but at the moment he is still attacking. Lane,Gary: 'White should be better because his knight can eventually reach the influential d5 square but at the moment he is still attacking." Kg7 39.Qf3 g5 40.Qe2 g4 41.Rg3 Bg5 42.Ne3 Bf4 Gary Lane: '?' Gary Lane: 'I assume this has something to do with time-trouble because Black misses Lane,Gary: 'I assume this has something to do with time-trouble because Black misses" *(42...Bh4* Gary Lane: 'when White loses material.' *)* 43.Rgg2 Bxe3 44.f6+ Kh7 Gary Lane: '?' *(44...Kf8* Gary Lane: 'is

necessary so the rook on h8 can keep protecting the h5 pawn' *)* 45.Qxe3 Rhg8 46.Rf5 Gary Lane: 'The rook is able to invade and destroy Black's pawn barrier.' Rg6 47.Rxh5+ Kg8 48.Rxg4 Qxf6 49.Rf5 Qg7 1-0 (49) THE Re8-Qe7-Ne4-Bf5 plan-Mejic,P Deutschland 85/6 2004 200 Traps In The Opening [Elburg, CCYB]]

7.d4

[7.d3 d6 Black has two other highly promising alternatives: *(*The text can also be preceeded by the "snake" manoeuvre *7...Bd6!? 8.c4 Bc7 9.Nc3 d6 10.Be2 a6 11.0-0 Ba5* The bishop has arrived at the appointment, Black has an excellent play on the queenside.*;* Worth considering is also *7...d5!?)*

A) Here is a practical example,, in which White changed the locations of his knight and pawn on the c-file - 8.Nbd2 g6 9.Nc4 , but this did not stop the central breakthrough after Bg7 10.g3 0-0 11.Bg2 d5! 12.exd5 Nxd5 The first player refused to confess the failure of his opening strategy and went for 13.Nfxe5? Nxc3! 14.Qb3 Ne2! *(*equally strong was *14...Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Qd4* and after *16.f4 f6 17.Bd2 Nxb5 18.Rb1 fxe5 19.Qxb5 exf4* White is two pawns down and his king is unlikely to find a shelter *)* 15.Be3 N6d4 16.Qa2 Be6 17.f4

A1) Black has many good continuations, perhaps the most convincing of them is 17...Re8 18.Kf2 Bxe5 19.fxe5 Bxc4 20.Qxc4 Rxe5 21.Bxb7 Qf6+ 22.Kg2 Rxe3 23.Rhf1 *(23.Bxa8 Nf4+ 24.gxf4 Re2+* with forced mate after *25.Kg3 Nf5+ 26.Kf3 Re3+ 27.Kf2 Qb2+!)* 23...Nf5 24.Bxa8 Nexg3!-+;

A2) 17...Bd5 18.Bxd4 Bxg2 19.Bxc5 Bxh1 *(*finding the best move here is much more difficult - *19...Nxf4!! 20.Bxf8 Bxe5! 21.Nxe5 Nxd3+ 22.Nxd3 Qxd3 23.Qe2 Qc3+ 24.Kf2 Bxh1 25.Rxh1 Rxf8 26.Rd1 Qxa3 27.Rd7 Rc8-+ ⩤28.Kg2 Qc1 29.Kh3 Qc5* ∆Rc7 *30.Qf3 Qc4 31.Rxb7 Rc5)* 20.Kxe2 Bd5 21.Bxf8 Qxf8 22.Qd2 Re8 and even here White's escape to a draw in Pechac - Raznikov, Pardubice, 2015, looked unreal.;

B) 8.g3 a6 put quickly White on the defensive side - 9.bxa6 Rxa6 10.Bg2 g6 11.0-0 Bg7 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.Nc4 Ba4 15.Qe2 Bc6 16.Ne3 b5 17.Bb2 Qa8 18.c4 Nd4 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.cxb5 Bxb5 21.Nc2 Nd7 with an increasing pressure in Vildanov - Esipenko, Samara, 2014, which can be noted as a model game from Black's point of view.;

C) 8.c4 A committal decision to fix the pawn structure in the center. 8...Be7 In connection with the last note 8....a6 is worth considering at once.

C1) Here the plan with 9.g3 looks rather slow as well:

C1a) 9...a6 10.bxa6 b5?! *(10...Rxa6∓)* 11.cxb5 Qa5+ 12.Nc3! Qxc3+ 13.Bd2 Qb2 14.Rb1 Qxa3 15.Ra1 Qb2 16.Rb1=;

C1b) 9...0-0 10.Bg2 *(10.Bb2 a6 11.a4* and Black has the initiative after *axb5 12.axb5 Rxa1 13.Bxa1 Qa5+ 14.Bc3 Qa2 15.Bg2 Nd4 ⩤16.Nbd2 Bd7 17.0-0 Ra8 18.Bxd4 cxd4∓)* 10...a6 11.bxa6 b5! 12.cxb5 Qa5+ 13.Nfd2 Qxb5 14.Nc4 Qxa6 15.0-0 Bd7∓;

C2) 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6! Black is finally undermining the queenside, thus

activating the rook. 11.Nc3 *(11.bxa6 Rxa6 12.Nc3 Bd7 13.Bd2 Bc6 14.Qc2 Qd7 15.Rfb1 Rfa8∓* All Black's pieces are well arranged, a similar regrouping takes place after the text. *)* 11...axb5 12.Nxb5 Bd7 13.a4 Bc6 14.Bd2 Qd7 15.Re1 Bd8! 16.g3 Ba5∓ Chapter-2.a3]

[The exchange of the central pawns will favour Black, who will later advance his d-pawn and enjoy a beautiful center - 7.Nxe5 Nxe4 8.d3 Nf6 9.g3 d5 10.Bg2 Bd6 11.f4 0-0 12.0-0 a6 13.bxa6 Rxa6 14.a4 Re8 15.Nd2 d4 16.c4 Nf8∓]

7...cxd4 8.cxd4 exd4 9.Bd3 Bc5 10.0-0 d6 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Nb3 Qb6

[12...Bd7!? sicherte Schwarz die besseren Chancen, z.B. 13.Re1 *(13.Rb1 Rc8)* 13...Qb6∓]

13.Rb1

[13.Bd2 Qd8=]

13...Re8 14.Re1 Bd7 15.Ng5

[15.Bd2 Qd8 16.a4 Rc8 17.e5 dxe5 18.Nxe5 Bd6∓]

15...h6 16.Nh3 Nf8

[16...Nc7 kommt stark in Betracht, 17.a4 Bb4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 d5 20.exd5 Bxh3 21.gxh3 Ncxd5 22.Nxd4 Qc7∓ mit besserem Spiel für Schwarz.]

17.Nf4 Bg4 18.f3 Be6 19.Qc2 Rac8

[19...Bxb3 20.Qxb3 N8d7 21.Bd2 Ne5∓]

20.Qf2 Bxb3 21.Rxb3 Ne6

[Der Schwarze weigerte sich hier und auch weiterhin hartnäckig den Springer nach e5 zu überführen: 21...N8d7!? 22.Bd2 Ne5∓]

22.Ne2 Kf8 23.Ng3 Qc7

[23...Nd7!?∓]

24.Nf5 Bb6 25.Rb1 Nc5

[25...Nd7∓]

26.Bf1?

[26.Qh4 Re6 27.Bxh6 gxh6 28.Qxh6+ Ke8 29.Bc4 versprach mehr Chancen.]

26...d3 27.Be3 d5 28.Qh4 Re6?

[28...Qe5 29.f4 Qc3 30.e5 Nfe4-+]

29.Kh1?

[29.Nxg7± war erfolgversprechend.]

29...dxe4?

[Der letzte Fehler. 29...Ncxe4 30.Rbc1 Qd8 31.Rxc8 Qxc8 32.Rc1 Qd7 33.Bxd3 Bxe3 34.Nxe3 Ng3+ 35.hxg3 Rxe3∓]

30.Nxg7 Qe5 31.Nxe6+ Nxe6 32.Bxh6+ Ke8 33.fxe4 Rc2 34.Bxd3 Bf2 35.Qh3 Rc3 36.Rec1 Nxe4 37.Rxc3 Nxc3 38.Rf1 Ne4 39.Qf3 N6c5 40.Bxe4 Nxe4 41.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 42.Qxf2 Qa1+ 43.Qg1 Qxa3 44.Qe3+ 1-0 (44) Schuh,D (2247)-Kruse,H (2228) Werther 2007 CBM 117 Extra [Gutman,Lev]

6.c4 g6 7.Nc3 h5 8.h4 a6 9.g3 axb5 10.cxb5 Nf6 11.Bg2 Bg7∓ Chernyshov-Zviaginsev, Moskau 2007

[83] **6...b6** 7.Nf3 Bb7 8.d3 Qc7 9.0-0 f6 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Re1 Ng6 12.Qb3 '±'

6...Nf4 7.g3 Ne6
[7...d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Qe2 *(9.Qb3 Ngf6 10.Nf3 e4 11.Ng5 Bf5 12.0-0 Be7 13.Re1 h6 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Rxe4 Nxe4 16.Bxd5 Nd6* '∞' *)* 9...Ngf6 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bg4 13.dxe5 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Bxe5 15.Ra2 0-0 16.0-0 Rc8 17.Bb3 '⩲']
8.Nf3 Nf6 9.d3
[9.0-0 '?!' Nxe4 10.Re1 d5 '⩱']
9...d6 10.a4 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Na3 Nc7 13.Nc2 Bh3
[13...Be6 14.Ne3 '⩲']
14.Re1 Qd7 15.d4 '⩲'
6...Nc7 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 exd4 9.Qxd4 Ne7 10.Nf3 a6
[10...h6 '?!' 11.0-0 Ng6 12.Rd1 '±']
11.bxa6 b5 12.Bb3 Nc6 13.Qb2 Na5 14.0-0 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 Be7 16.Nc3 Bxa6 17.Rd1 0-0 18.Nd4 '⩲'

[84] **7...Bd6!?**
7...Be7 8.Nf3 d6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1
[10.a4 a6 *(10...Nf4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.Re1 Bg4 13.Nbd2 Nd7 14.h3 Bh5 15.Bd5* '⩲' *)* 11.Na3 Bd7 12.Re1 Nf4 13.Bxf4 exf4 14.bxa6 bxa6 15.Qd2 Nh5 16.Bd5 Rb8 17.Nc4 '±']
10...Qc7
[10...Rb8 11.Nbd2 b6 12.Nf1 Nc7 13.Ne3 Ng4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Nf6 16.Bc4 Bg4 *(16...Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qb3 Qc8 19.a4* '⩲' *)* 17.h3 Bh5 18.g4 Bg6 19.Nh4 '⩲']
11.Nbd2 Nf4 12.Nf1 Ng6 13.Ne3
[13.h3 h6 14.Qb3 '↑']
13...Be6 14.a4 '⩲'
7...g6
7...d6 8.Nf3 g6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.a4 0-0
[10...d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Re1 Qd6 13.Nbd2↑ f5? *(13...0-0 14.Ne4 Qd8 15.a5⩲)* 14.Ne4 fxe4 15.dxe4±]
11.Re1 Qe7
[11...Nf4 12.h3 d5 13.exd5 N6xd5 14.Nxe5⩲]
12.Na3 Bd7 13.h3 Nh5
[13...Nf4 14.Bxf4 exf4 15.Qd2 Bh6 16.e5 dxe5 17.Nxe5 Qd6 18.Qa2⩲]
14.Nc2 Nhf4 15.Ne3 Nc7 16.h4! Rab8 17.g3 Nh5 18.Nh2 Kh8 19.Qe2 Rbd8 20.Bd2⩲
8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Nf3 Nb6
[9...f6 10.Qb3 *(10.Nbd2 Nb6 11.0-0)* 10...Ndf4 11.0-0 '⩲']
10.Ba2 '!?'
[grabbing the pawn with 10.Nxe5 should not benefit much - Bd6 11.Nf3 *(11.Qe2 0-0 12.0-0 Re8)* 11...Nxc4 12.dxc4 0-0 13.0-0 and in Damia - Schiapolli, Senigallia, 2010, Black's easiest way to show ample compensation for the pawn

lay in b6 ΔBb7. '⩲']
[10.Nbd2 '?!' f6 11.0-0 '⩲' Be7 12.Re1 Nxc4 13.Nxc4 0-0 14.a4 Qd7 15.Qe2 Rd8 16.Rd1 b6 17.Ne1 Bb7 '⩲']
10...Bd6 was seen in Bezgodov - Kurnosov, Khanty-Mansiysk, 2013, when White could prefer 12.a4⩲ to castling
[and the best reaction seems to be 10...a6! 11.bxa6 Rxa6 12.Nxe5 Bd6 with better development and plenty of activity for the pawn. 13.f4 0-0 14.0-0 '⩲']
11.0-0
[11.a4 a5 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nbd2 Nc7 14.Re1 '⩲']
11...0-0 12.Nbd2 Nf4 Smerdon, David: '?!'
[12...a6 Smerdon, David: '!' 13.bxa6 Rxa6 14.Ne4 Qc7 Smerdon, David: '∞']
13.Ne4 Smerdon, David: '⩲!' Smerdon, David: '1/2-1/2 (71) Bezgodov, A (2482)-Kurnosov, I (2657)/Khanty Mansiysk RUS 2013'

[85] **4...e6** ChessBase II: '?!' ChessBase II: 'Trop passif' '?' 5.b5 ChessBase II: '⩲'
5...Nce7 ChessBase II: 'N?!'
[ChessBase II: 'RR' 5...Ne5 6.d4 Ng6 Gharamian,T (2555)-Nisipeanu,L (2684)/ Germany 2008/CBM 126 Extra (1/2, 25). Black's more compact structure compensates for his delay in development. I remember that about a quarter of a century ago, Suba showed to me some ideas that had been revealed to him by Yakov Murey in the following line: 7.Nf3
A) 7...Nf6 8.e5 Nd5 9.c4 Bb4+ *(9...Nb4 10.h4 h5 11.Bd2 b6 12.Ra4 a5 13.bxa6 Nxa6 14.Bd3±)* 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Nbxd2 Nc7 12.h4 h6 13.h5 Ne7 14.Bd3±;
B) 7...Be7 8.Bd3 d6 9.0-0⩲;
C) 7...d6 8.Bd3 Nf6 9.0-0⩲;
D) 7...b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 d6 *(9...d5 10.e5 N6e7 11.Ng5 h6 12.Nh7 Nf5 13.Nxf8 Kxf8 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Ba3+ Ne7 16.Nc3 g6 17.Qd3 Kg7 18.Ne2 Re8 19.Nf4±)* 10.c4 Nf6 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bb2 Qc7 14.Nd2 Nf4 , but computers are not really enthusiastic about Black's chances. The last annotated game I found with this line is Meister,Y (2430)-Sherbakov,R (2525)/ Moscow 1991/URS-ch/[Postny] (1/2, 23) 15.Bf1 e5 16.Nd5 may be safer, but not very inspiring. N4xd5 Maybe he should not have hurried with this exchange. 17.cxd5 Nd7 18.Rc1 Qd8 19.Nf3 f5 20.dxe5 ChessBase II: 'Cherniaev,A (2472)-Griffiths,R (2104)/Hastings 2006/1-0 (38)']
[5...Nd4? 6.c3+-]
[5...Nb8 6.d4 Nf6 *(6...d5 7.e5⩲; 6...d6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2⩲)* 7.e5 Nd5 *(7...Ne4 8.Bd3 Bb4+ 9.Nd2⩲)* 8.Nf3 Bb4+ *(8...d6 9.c4 Nb4 10.exd6 Bxd6 11.c5 Be7 12.Bd2 Nd5 13.Bd3 0-0 14.0-0±)* 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 0-0 11.c4 Ne7 12.Bd3±]
6.d4 d5!? Practice has shown that White's attack is promising if allowed to develop without any obstacles. The text move is the most radical way of preventing such a course of events, at the price of weakening the d5-square.

Throughout the years, this has been a favourite line of Mihai Suba, another Romanian chess star of the first magnitude. Although the styles of these two players have little in common, maybe there are some hidden connections between the different generations of players of the same country.

7.e5 Nf5!? The new trend.

[7...Qb6 8.Nf3 Bd7 9.Nc3!? Nf5 10.Na4 Qc7 11.Bd2 Be7 12.Bd3 Ngh6 13.h3± 0-0 14.g4 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Bxh4 16.g5 Nf5 17.Qg4± Bxg5! 18.Bxg5 Bxb5 19.Bxb5 Qa5+ 20.Bd2 Qxb5 21.Nc3 Qc4 22.Ra4 Qc6 23.0-0±]

[7...f6 8.Bd3!? Qc7 *(8...fxe5 9.Qh5+↑)* 9.Nf3±]

8.c3 This move has its merits and drawbacks. It contributes to the fight for the d5-square, but on the other hand it gives up the control over the already weakened dark squares.

[8.Nf3

A) 8...Qb6 9.g4!? Nfh6 10.Bd2 Nxg4? *(10...a5 11.h3±)* 11.Ba5+-;

B) 8...Bb4+ 9.c3 Be7 10.Bd3 Ngh6 11.h3 0-0 12.Rg1! f6 *(12...a5 13.g4 Nh4 14.Nxh4 Bxh4 15.g5 Nf5 16.Qg4 Bd7 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Qxh4 Bxb5 19.Ba3 Re8 20.Qf4 Qd7 21.f3 b6 22.Kf2+-)* 13.g4 Nh4 *(13...fxe5 14.gxf5 e4 15.Bxh6 Bf6 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Ne5+-)* 14.Nxh4 fxe5 15.g5 e4 16.Bf1 Nf5 17.Nxf5 Rxf5 *(17...exf5 18.Bf4±)* 18.h4 Qc7 19.Be3±]

8...f6 ChessBase II: 'Ouvrir le centre avec un ♔ bloqué au centre est trés risqué' 9.g4

[9.Bd3 ChessBase II: '⌓' fxe5 10.dxe5! Taking advantage of White's lack of territorial ambitions. Ngh6 11.Nf3 Be7]

9...Nh4 10.f4N The sequence introduce by this novelty aims to increase White's control on the light squares. 10...fxe5 11.fxe5 Ng6 ChessBase II: '∞' 12.Nf3 Be7 ChessBase II: '?!'

[Previously, Nisipeanu had faced the more cautious 12...Nh6 ChessBase II: '!' , but had little trouble getting active counterplay:]

13.g5 Restricting the activity of the black knight. Had the g-pawn been one or two steps behind, White would have had a perfect version of the Sveshnikov. The way it is, Black has more space of his supposedly "bad" bishop, while the white bishop may well become "bad" instead, in case of simplifications. 13...Bf8 14.h4 N6e7 15.Ba3 The concluding move of the initial plan. Both sides have to decide now what to do with the king. 15...Nf5! Nisipeanu correctly assumes that there will be no dangers on the kingside, as long as he has excellent control over the dark squares. Later, he will slightly neglect this latter aspect.

16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Bd3 Nge7 18.Qd2 Bd7 19.0-0 ChessBase II: '?!'

[19.Na3 Black has a natural attack, while White does not have a constructive plan.]

19...Qe8

[19...h6 ChessBase II: '!']

20.Na3 Imitating the journey of the black king. 20...Qh5! (?) While watching the game online, I assumed that Black had played his last move with the idea of defending the b6-square and preparing a slow queenside expansion with ...a6, ...

♖a8 (or ...♖c6) and ...b5. I believe that in this case, Black's position would have remained preferrable, with practical no chances of activity for White. As we will see, Nisipeanu had in mind the other diagonal for the queen, which eventually led him to disaster. The evaluation between parantheses refers not to the move, but to the idea it was played with.

21.Nc2 Kg8? 22.Ne3! Without fearing any ghosts.

[22.Qh2 h6 ChessBase II: '!?']

22...h6 ChessBase II: '!' This is the only way of justifying the pawn sacrifice. Once some of White's pieces has been made busy on the queenside, the black queen needs the g5-square for creating kingside threats. However, after the giving up of the bishop Black's king will not be as safe as earlier.

[22...Ng3]

23.Nxf5 Nxf5 24.Bxf5! The key defensive/counterattacking move. Black's only real threat was capturing of the g4-pawn, which is much less appealing now.

24...exf5 Opening the g-file does not look as a good idea, but what else to do? Black cannot unblock the b-file, his c6-knight is hanging and White only needs a couple of tempi to consolidate with ♖g3 and ♖d2.

25.Qa2 Be6!? An elegant, but ineffective, tactical motiv.

26.Qg2! Qg4 ChessBase II: '?!'

[26...f4 Given the lack of safety of the white king, Black should keep queens on board.]

[The position with castling on opposite sides would present dangers for White only: 26...hxg5]

27.g6 ChessBase II: '!' White's queenside structure has lost its previous flexibility, but the most important pawn (c3) has remained on board, preventing active knight moves. 27...Qe4 28.Rfe1 Qd3 29.Qe2 An elegant move, defending f2 and pinning the knight. 29...Qe4 It may seem that Black has achieved a high degree of activity for his pieces, but there is an exception: his e7-knight. If one piece stands badly...

30.Qf1! Qg4+ 31.Qg2 At this level, the rest of the moves can only be explained by inertia. 31...Kf8 32.Ra3 Bd7 33.e6 ChessBase II: '!' 33...Qxg2+ 34.Kxg2 Bxb5 35.Ne5

[35.Re5 ChessBase II: '⩲!?' In order to unblock the queenside Black has to trade queens with]

35...Ke7 36.Kf3 Rhe8 37.c4 Bxc4

[37...dxc4 38.d5 Kd6 39.Nf7+ Kxd5 40.Re5+ Kc6 when I prefer Black, although the position may be simply equal. 41.Kf4 ChessBase II: '∞' would be premature because of]

38.Kf4 ChessBase II: '⩲' Computers prefer 38...Kf6 39.h5 Bb5 , with decisive attack. 40.Rae3 allows the double attack 40...Re7 ChessBase II: '?'

[40...a5 ChessBase II: '⇄']

41.Nf7? Rc8 After 42.Nd6 play could have continued: 42...Rc4 43.Nxb5

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[Marin,Mihail]
4...d5 ChessBase II: '?!' 5.b5 Ne5
[5...Nb4? 6.c3+-]
[5...Nd4 6.c3 Ne6 7.exd5 Qxd5 8.d4 Nf6 9.Nf3
A) 9...g6 10.c4 Qd8 *(10...Qe4+?! 11.Be2 b6 12.Nc3 Qb7 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.Bf3 Bb7 15.0-0 Bg7 16.Bc6+ Bxc6 17.Nxc6 0-0 18.Re1±)* 11.Be2 Bg7 12.Nc3 0-0 13.0-0± Nh5 14.Nd5 b6?! *(14...Nf6 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Be3±)* 15.Ba3 Re8 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.Bxh5 gxh5 18.Qxh5±;
B) 9...Nc7?! 10.c4 Qe4+ 11.Be2 Bg4 12.0-0± e6? 13.Nc3 Qg6 14.Ne5 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 Qh5 *(15...Qe4 16.Ng3 Qh4 17.Nf3 Qg4 18.h3 Qg6 19.Ne5)* 16.b6 Na6 17.Rxa6 bxa6 18.Qa4+ Ke7 19.Qc6+-]
[5...Nb8 6.exd5
A) 6...Qxd5 7.Nc3 Qe5+ *(7...Qc5?! 8.Ba3 Qe5+ 9.Be2 Nf6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.0-0±; 7...Qd8 8.d4 e6 9.Nf3 Bb4 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0±)* 8.Qe2! Qxe2+ 9.Bxe2
A1) 9...Nd7?! 10.Nd5 Kd8 11.Nf3 e6 12.Ne3±;
A2) 9...Nf6 10.b6 a5 *(10...a6 11.Nb5 Nd5 12.c4 Nxb6 13.Nc7+ Kd8 14.Nxa8 Nxa8 15.Nf3±)* 11.Nb5 Na6 12.Rxa5 Nd5 *(12...e6 13.Rxa6!? Rxa6 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Nxa6 bxa6 16.Nf3 Bc5 17.Ne5 Ke7 18.Bf3 Bxb6 19.Ba3+ Ke8 20.Bc6+ Bd7 21.Nxd7 Nxd7 22.Ke2±)* 13.Nf3 Nxb6 14.0-0 e6 15.Ba3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 0-0 17.Rb1±;
A3) 9...e6 10.b6 a5 11.Nb5 Na6 12.Rxa5 Nf6 13.Rxa6!?;
B) 6...Nf6 7.d4 *(7.c4 e6)* 7...Qxd5 8.Nc3 Qd6 9.Nf3 Bg4 *(9...Qc7!? 10.Bd2 e6 11.Bd3 Bb4 12.Ne4 Bxd2+ 13.Nfxd2±)* 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Qxd4 12.Ra4 Qd7 13.b6 Nc6 *(13...a6?! 14.Nb5 Nd5 15.Qxd5+-)* 14.Nb5 Rc8 15.bxa7 Ra8 16.Be2 e5 17.0-0+-]
6.d4 ChessBase II: 'N'
[ChessBase II: 'RR' 6.Bb2 Ng6 *(6...Qc7?! 7.b6! Qd6 8.Rxa7 Rb8 9.exd5 Qxb6 10.Bxe5 Qxa7 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Kxd7 13.Bxb8 Qxb8 14.Nf3+-)* 7.exd5 Qxd5 8.Nc3 Qd8 9.Nf3 Nf6 10.Bc4 e6 11.h4 h5 12.g3 b6 13.Bf1 Bb7 14.Bg2 Qc7 15.0-0 Bd6 16.Ra4 Ng4 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bxg3+ 20.Kg1 Qc5+ ChessBase II: 'Roberts,P (2204)-O'Donnell,M (2270)/Grangemouth 2006/EXT 2008/1-0 (31)']
[6.exd5!? Qxd5 7.Nc3 Qd8 8.d4↑]
6...Ng6
[6...Nc4 7.exd5 Qxd5 8.Nc3 Qe6+ 9.Be2 Nd6 *(9...Nf6 10.Nf3↑)* 10.Nf3!? Nf6 11.0-0 g6 12.b6! a6 13.Re1 Bg7 14.Bb5+ Nxb5 15.Rxe6 Nxc3 16.Rxe7+ Kxe7 17.Qe1+ Nfe4 18.Ba3+ Kd8 19.Bb4+-]
7.e5
[7.exd5 Qxd5 8.Nf3!?
A) 8...e5 9.Ra4! Nf6 10.Nc3 Qd6 *(10...Qd8 11.Nxe5±)* 11.dxe5 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Ng4 13.Ke1 Bc5 14.Ne4 Be7 15.Bb2±;
B) 8...Bg4 9.Be2

B1) 9...e6 10.c4 Bb4+ *(10...Qd7 11.c5±)* 11.Nbd2 Qd7 12.Ra4**±**;
B2) 9...Nf6 10.c4 Qd7 11.Nc3
B2a) 11...e5 12.dxe5 Bxf3 *(12...Qxd1+ 13.Bxd1 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Nxe5 15.Bxb7 Rb8 16.Rxa7±)* 13.exf6 Qxd1+ 14.Kxd1 0-0-0+ *(14...Bxe2+ 15.Kxe2 gxf6 16.Nd5+-)* 15.Kc2 Bxe2 16.Nxe2**±** Kb8 17.Be3 b6 18.Nd4+-;
B2b) 11...e6 12.c5 Be7 13.b6 0-0 *(13...a6?! 14.Bb5 axb5 15.Rxa8+ Bd8 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 0-0 18.0-0+- Qxd4? 19.Rd1)* 14.bxa7**±**]

7...e6
[7...Bf5 8.Ne2 e6 9.Ng3**±**]

8.Nf3 Bd7
[8...Be7 9.Bd3 *(9.c4!?↑)* 9...Qc7 10.h4!? *(10.0-0±)* 10...Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 Nh6 13.h5 Ne7 14.Qg5**±** 0-0 15.b6! Qd8 16.Rxa7 Rb8 17.0-0**±** Qxb6? 18.Qxe7+- Qxa7 19.Bxh7+]
[8...Bb4+ 9.c3 *(9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2±)* 9...Be7 10.Bd3 *(10.c4!? Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Nbxd2↑)* 10...Nh6 11.Bxh6!? gxh6 12.g3 Rg8 13.h4 b6 14.Qd2 Bf8 *(14...Qc7 15.Qxh6 Bb7 16.Ng5±)* 15.h5 Ne7 16.Bxh7 Rg4 17.Bd3**±**]
[8...Nh6 9.h4!? Nf5 10.h5
A) 10...Nge7 11.Bd3 g6? *(11...Qb6 12.Ra4!? Bd7 13.Nc3 a6 14.Bd2±)* 12.g4 Nh6 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.g5+-;
B) 10...Ngh4 11.Ng1!? Nh6 12.g3 N4f5 13.g4 Nh4 *(13...Ne7 14.Bd3±)* 14.Qd3! Be7 15.Qg3**±**]

9.h4 Qb6
[9...h5 ChessBase II: '⩲']

10.h5 ChessBase II: '↑' 10...N6e7 11.Qd3 g6 ChessBase II: '?' 12.Bd2
[12.hxg6]

12...Qc7 13.Nc3 Nc8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Rxh7 1-0 (15) Mueller,H (2222)-Ljung,H (1810) Baku 2008 ICCF Telechess [Dragan Solak] ChessBase II: '?!'
[15.Ng5 ChessBase II: '⩲']
4...a6 5.b5 Nd4
[5...Nb8 6.d4**±**]
[5...Na7 6.Nc3 *(6.d4 e6 7.bxa6 bxa6 8.Bd3±)* 6...e6 *(6...d6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.d4±)* 7.Nf3 Bb4 8.Bd3 Ne7 *(8...Bxc3 9.dxc3 axb5 10.0-0 b6 11.Nd4±)* 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2 Rb8 11.e5 Ng6 *(11...d5? 12.Bxh7+! Kxh7 13.Ng5+ Kg6 14.Qg4+-)* 12.h4!? Bxc3 13.dxc3 Nxb5 *(13...Nxh4 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Ng5+ Kg6 16.Qg4+-)* 14.c4 Nc7 15.Ng5 f5 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Qh5 h6 18.Bxg6 Rxg6 19.Qxg6 hxg5 20.Bxg5+-]
[5...Ne5 6.d4 Ng6 7.Nf3
A) 7...d6 8.Bd3 e5 9.Bb2 Qc7 10.bxa6 bxa6 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Qxd7+ Qxd7 14.Bxd7+ Kxd7 15.Bxe5 Re8 16.Bc3 Rxe4+ 17.Kf1 Re6 *(17...Nf6 18.Rxa6±)* 18.Ng5 Re7 19.Rxa6**±**;
B) 7...e6 8.Bd3 Nf6 9.0-0 d6 *(9...Be7 10.e5 Nd5 11.Ba3±)* 10.c4 Be7

11.Nc3 0-0 12.bxa6 bxa6 13.h3±]
6.c3
[6.Nf3!? Nxf3+ 7.Qxf3 e6 *(7...e5?! 8.Qc3!? d6 9.bxa6 bxa6 10.Bxa6!±)* 8.Nc3±]
6...Ne6 7.d4 d5
[7...a5?! 8.f4!? b6 9.f5 Nc7 10.Bd3
A) 10...d5 11.e5↑ e6 *(11...g6?! 12.e6 Nh6 13.Qf3± Nxf5?! 14.exf7+ Kxf7 15.g4+-)* 12.fxe6 Bxe6 13.Nf3±;
B) 10...e6 11.fxe6 dxe6 *(11...Nxe6 12.Nf3 Be7 13.0-0 d6 14.e5↑)* 12.Nf3 Nf6 13.0-0±]
[7...d6 8.f4!? Qb6 *(8...Nf6? 9.f5 Nc7 10.b6 Nxe4 11.bxc7 Qxc7 12.Qf3 Nf6 13.Bg5!±)* 9.f5!? Nc7 10.bxa6 bxa6 11.Nf3±]
8.exd5!? Qxd5 9.bxa6 bxa6 10.Nf3 g6 11.Ne5 Bg7 12.Be2 Rb8 13.Bf3 Qd6 14.Qa4+ Kf8
[14...Bd7? 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Bc6+-]
15.Nc6 Bd7 16.Qxa6 Rc8 17.Qb7± Chapter-Games Game 1
4...b5?! 5.Bxb5 Nxb4
[5...Bb7?! 6.c3 e6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Be2±]
[5...e6 6.c3 Nf6 7.d3±]
6.c3 Qb6 7.Na3 a6 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.d4 Bb7 10.Ne2±
4...g6 5.Bb2!
[5.b5 Bg7 6.Nc3
A) 6...Ne5 '??' 7.d4 '+-';
B) 6...Nb4 '?' 7.Ba3 Qa5 *(7...a5 8.Bxb4 axb4 9.Rxa8 bxc3 10.d4* '+-' *)* 8.Qb1 Bxc3 9.dxc3 Nd5 10.Bb2 '+-';
C) 6...Bxc3 '?' 7.dxc3 Na5 *(7...Ne5* '?' *8.f4* '+-' *)* 8.Qd4 f6 9.c4 '±';
D) 6...Nb8 7.d4 d6 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Bd3 0-0 *(9...a5 10.0-0 0-0 11.h3* '±' *)* 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Be3 '±';
E) 6...Nd4 7.Ra4 '!?' '!?'
E1) 7...Qb6 '?!' 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.Bb2 e6
E1a) 10.Ne3 '!?' e5 11.Nf3 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 d6 *(12...Ne7 13.Ba3 0-0 14.Bd6* '+-' *)* 13.Ba3 Nf6 14.Nc4 Bf8 15.Qd3 '±';
E1b) 10.Bxd4 Bxd4 11.Rxd4 exd5 12.exd5 Nf6 13.Bd3 0-0 14.Ne2 '±';
E2) 7...e6 8.Nf3 *(8.Bb2 Ne7 9.Nce2 e5 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Bxd4)* 8...Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3 Ne7 10.h4 h5 11.Ba3 d6 12.Qg3 Be5 13.Qg5 0-0 14.g4 '±';
E3) 7...e5 8.Nf3 d6 9.h3 Ne7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.Bb2 Bxb5 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Rxd4 '±';
E4) 7...Ne6 8.d4 d6 9.Nge2 Bd7 10.Rb4 Rc8 11.g3 Nh6 12.Bg2 0-0 13.0-0 '±';
E5) 7...Nh6 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Nd5 Ne6 10.Bxg7 Nxg7 *(10...Kxg7 11.Qa1+ f6 12.Rxa7 Rxa7 13.Qxa7 d6 14.Bc4* '±' *)* 11.Qa1 '±';

E6) 7...d6 8.Bc4 Be6 *(8...Nf6 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Rxd4)* 9.Nd5 Nf6 10.c3 Bxd5 11.exd5 Nf5 12.Nf3 0-0 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Rb4 '!' Nb6 15.Ba2 '⩲']

5...f6?!

[5...Nf6 6.b5 Nb8 7.e5 Nh5 *(7...Nd5 8.Bc4!? Nf4 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Qf3 Bh6 11.Nh3± g5? 12.Nxf4 gxf4 13.Qh5++-)* 8.Qf3 d5 *(8...f5 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Bxf6! exf6 11.Bc4±)* 9.exd6 Bg7 10.Bxg7 Nxg7 11.dxe7 Qxe7+ 12.Qe3±]

[5...e5 6.Nf3! Bg7 7.b5 Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Ra4 Qb6 10.Na3 d5 11.exd5 Ne7 12.Qa1!? 0-0 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qd8 15.Bd3 Nxd5 16.Nc4 Re8+ 17.Ne3±]

6.b5 Na5

[6...Nb8 7.Bc4 Bg7 8.Nf3 d6 9.0-0±]

7.d4 Bg7 8.Bd3 b6 9.Nf3 Bb7 10.0-0 Nh6 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Qe2 Qc7 13.Ba3±

4...a5 5.b5 Nd4

[5...Nb8 6.d4±]

6.c3 Ne6 7.d4 d5 8.exd5!? Qxd5 9.Be3 Nf6 10.c4⩲

4...Nf6 5.b5 Ne5?!

[5...Nd4! 6.c3 Ne6 7.Qc2!? d6 8.d4 g6 9.Bd3 Bg7 10.Ne2↑]

6.d4 Ng6

[6...Neg4? 7.e5 Nxf2 8.Kxf2 Ne4+ 9.Ke1 e6 10.Bd3+-]

7.e5 Nd5

[7...Ng8 8.h4 e6 9.h5 N6e7 10.Nf3±]

8.c4 Nb6 9.c5!? Nd5 10.Bc4 Nc7 11.Nc3±

4...d6 5.b5 Ne5

[5...Nd4 6.c3 Ne6 7.d4

A) 7...Bd7 8.f4 Qb6 9.f5!? Nc7 10.c4

A1) 10...a6? 11.Nc3 axb5? *(11...e6 12.Na4 Qa7 13.b6+-)* 12.Nd5+-;

A2) 10...e5 11.Nc3 Qxd4 *(11...exd4?? 12.Na4+-)* 12.Bd2 Qb6 13.Nf3 d5 *(13...Nf6?? 14.Na4+-)* 14.exd5 Bxf5 15.Qe2 0-0-0 *(15...f6 16.Nxe5!±)* 16.Na4 Qg6 17.Qf2 Bc2 18.Be2! Nf6 19.0-0;

B) 7...Nc7 8.f4 b6 9.Nf3 Bb7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 Bg7 12.Qe2⩲;

C) 7...Nf6 8.Bd3 g6 9.Ne2!? Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.f4⩲;

D) 7...b6 8.f4 Bb7 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.Qe2 g6 11.Nf3 Bg7 *(11...d5 12.e5 Ne4 13.0-0 Bg7 14.f5! gxf5 15.Nh4±)* 12.0-0 0-0 13.f5!? Nc7 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nh3 g5 16.Nd2⩲;

E) 7...g6 8.f4 Bg7 *(8...Bh6 9.g3 Nf6 10.Bd3 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Nf3 0-0 13.c4±)* 9.Nf3 Bd7 10.Bd3 Nf6 11.0-0⩲;

F) 7...Qb6 8.f4 g6 *(8...Bd7 9.f5)* 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.Ne2 Bg7 *(10...d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Bxe4! dxe4 13.c4 Bg7 14.Nbc3 0-0 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Qb3±)* 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nd2↑]

[5...Nb8 6.d4

A) 6...g6 7.c4!? Bg7 8.Nf3 Nf6 *(8...Bg4 9.Be2 Nf6 10.Nc3 0-0 11.0-0↑)* 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 Nh5 11.Nb3 Nd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3⩲ e5 15.g4! Nhf6 16.d5 Qc7 17.Be3 Rfc8 18.Ra3 b6 19.Rfa1 h6 20.h4± Nf8?

21.Nc1 N8d7 22.g5 hxg5 23.hxg5 Nh5 24.Na2 Nc5 25.Bf1 Nf4 26.Nb4+-;
B) 6...Nf6 7.Bd3 e6 *(7...e5 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.h3±; 7...Qb6 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Nbd2±)* 8.Nf3!? Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2**±**;
C) 6...Bd7?! 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.e5!? dxe5 9.dxe5 Ne4 10.Bc4**±**]

6.d4 Nd7
[6...Ng6 7.f4!? e6 8.Nf3 b6 *(8...d5 9.e5±)* 9.Bd3 e5 *(9...Nf6 10.Qe2! Be7 11.f5 Nf8 12.0-0±)* 10.f5 Nh4 11.0-0 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3**±** exd4 13.e5 Rb8 14.Rxa7 dxe5 15.Bc4 Be7 16.Qh5+-]

7.Nf3 e5
[7...Ngf6 8.e5! dxe5 *(8...Nd5 9.c4 N5b6 10.Qb3 dxe5 11.c5±)* 9.dxe5 Ne4 10.e6! fxe6 11.Bb2**⩲**]
[7...g6 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.c3 Ngf6 10.h3**⩲**]

8.c3 Ngf6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0
[10...h6 11.Na3 g5?! 12.Nc4 g4 13.dxe5! gxf3 14.exf6 fxg2 15.fxe7 gxf1Q+ 16.Bxf1 Rg8+ 17.Bg2 Qxe7 18.Nxd6+ Kd8 19.Bf4+-]

11.Nbd2 Nb6 12.Bb2 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.Qe2 Qc7 15.Ra2 a5 16.bxa6 bxa6 17.Rfa1**±**

4...e5 Gotham: 'Sometimes people take the first pawn but not the second.' 5.b5 Nd4
[5...Nb8 6.d4
A) 6...Bb4+?! 7.c3 Bd6 *(7...Ba5 8.dxe5 Bc7 9.Nf3 Ne7 10.Ba3+-)* 8.Nf3 Qc7 9.Qb3!? *(9.Ra4!? Nf6 10.Rc4 Qd8 11.dxe5)*
A1) 9...Nf6? 10.b6!+- *(10.Rxa7! Rxa7 11.b6+-)*;
A2) 9...b6 10.Bc4 Nh6 11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Bxf7+ Ke7 13.Bg8;
B) 6...d6 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nf3**⩲**;
C) 6...exd4 7.Qxd4 d6 *(7...d5 8.Qxd5 Qxd5 9.exd5 Nf6 10.c4±)* 8.Nc3!? Nf6 *(8...a5? 9.Nd5+-)* 9.Nge2!? Be7 *(9...a5 10.Nf4 Nbd7 11.Nfd5±)* 10.Rxa7 Rxa7 11.Qxa7 Nbd7 12.Nf4 0-0 13.Bd3**±** Chapter-Games Game 1]
[5...Na5 6.Bb2 d6 7.d4 Qc7 *(7...Nf6 8.Bd3 exd4 9.Bxd4 Be7 10.Ne2 0-0 11.Nbc3 Be6 12.Nf4±)* 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.dxe5 Nxe4 10.exd6 Bxd6 *(10...Nxd6 11.Qe2+ Be6 12.Ng5 0-0-0 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Nd2±)* 11.Bd3 Nc5 12.0-0
A) 12...Nxd3?! 13.Qxd3 0-0 14.Ng5 f5 *(14...g6 15.Ne4 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Be5 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.Rxa5+-)* 15.Rxa5 Qxa5 16.Qc4+ Kh8 17.Qh4+-;
B) 12...Be6! 13.Bxg7 Rg8 14.Bf6 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Rg6 16.Qd4 Nc4 17.Nc3**±**;
C) 12...0-0?! 13.Rxa5! Qxa5 14.Ng5
C1) 14...g6?? 15.Qh5!! gxh5 16.Bxh7#;
C2) 14...h6 15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Qxd6 Be6 *(16...Ne6 17.Nxe6 Bxe6 18.Bd3+-)* 17.Qxc5 hxg5 18.Qxg5 f6 19.Qh4+-;
C3) 14...Bxh2+ 15.Kxh2 h6 16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.Qd6 Ne6 18.Nxe6 Bxe6 19.Bd3**±**]
[5...Nce7 6.d4
A) 6...exd4 7.Qxd4 d5 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.Nf3 dxe4 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Ng5 Be6

(11...Ke8 12.Bc4±) 12.Ncxe4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Nd5 14.Bd2⩲;
B) 6...Ng6 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Qxd4 d6 9.b6!? *(9.Rxa7 Rxa7 10.Qxa7 Nf6 11.Bd3 d5!⩲)* 9...a6 10.Nc3 Bd7 *(10...Nf6? 11.Nb5+-)* 11.Nd5 Rc8 12.Bd3 Nf6 13.0-0! *(13.Nc7+ Rxc7 14.bxc7 Qxc7 15.0-0 Ne5±)* 13...Be7 14.Nxe7 Qxe7 15.Ba3 Rc6 16.e5! Nxe5 17.Rfe1 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Be6 19.f4 0-0 *(19...g6 20.Bb2+-)* 20.f5+-;
C) 6...d6 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Bc4 f6 10.Be3⩲]

6.c3 Ne6 7.Nf3
[7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2⩲]

7...d6
[7...Nf6 8.Nxe5 Nxe4 9.d4 d6 10.Nf3 d5 11.Bd3 Bd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.c4 Nf4 14.Bxf4 Bxf4 15.Re1 Re8 *(15...Bf5 16.Qc2 Bg6 17.c5⩲)* 16.cxd5 Nf6 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Qb3 Bg4 19.Nbd2 Qd8 *(19...Qd7 20.Ne5⩲)* 20.h3 Bh5 21.g3⩲]
[7...Bd6 8.d4 exd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2! Nf6 12.e5 Ne4 13.Qe3 d5 14.Bd3 Bd7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Rc1 f5 17.exf6 Qxf6 18.Ne5⩲]
[7...f6?! 8.d4 exd4 9.cxd4
A) 9...d5 10.exd5 Qxd5 11.Ra4! Bd6 12.Nc3 Qh5 13.Be2 Ne7? *(13...Qf7 14.b6! a6 15.Ne4 Be7 16.d5 Nc5 17.d6 Nxa4 18.dxe7 Qxe7 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Qxa4+-)* 14.Ng5 Qg6 15.Bh5;
B) 9...Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 Ne7 12.d5!? Nc5 13.d6 Nb3 *(13...Ng6 14.Bc4±)* 14.Qc3 Nxa1 15.dxe7 Qxe7 16.Bd3 d5 17.0-0 dxe4 18.Bxe4 0-0 19.Re1 Qf7 20.Qxa1 Bg4 21.h3 Bh5 22.Nc3⩲]
[7...Qb6? 8.Nxe5 d6 9.Nc4 Qc7 *(9...Qd8 10.d4+-)* 10.b6 Qb8 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxa7! Rxa7 13.bxa7 Qa8 14.Nb6+-]
[7...b6?! 8.Nxe5 Bd6 *(8...Bb7 9.d3±)* 9.Nc4 Bc7 *(9...Bc5 10.d4 Be7 11.e5±)* 10.d4⩲]
[7...d5 8.Nxe5
A) 8...Bd6 9.d4
A1) 9...Bxe5 10.dxe5 dxe4 11.Qxd8+ Nxd8 12.Nd2 e3 *(12...f5 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Nc4±)* 13.Ne4⩲;
A2) 9...dxe4 10.b6! Qxb6 11.Qa4+ Ke7 12.Nc4 Qc6 13.Nxd6 Kxd6 *(13...Qxa4 14.Nxc8++-)* 14.Bb5 Qd5 15.c4 Qxd4 16.0-0+-;
B) 8...dxe4 9.b6! Bc5 *(9...Qxb6?! 10.Qa4+ Ke7 11.Ba3+ Kf6 12.Qxe4±)* 10.Qa4+ Kf8 11.Qxe4 Nf6 12.Qf3 Qxb6 13.d4 Be7 14.Bc4⩲]

8.Bc4
[8.d4
A) 8...Qc7 9.Be3
A1) 9...Nf6? 10.b6! Qd8 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Rxa7 Nxe3? *(12...Rb8 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Qd5 Nxe3 15.Bxd7+ Qxd7 16.fxe3±)* 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Kxd7 15.Qa4++-;
A2) 9...b6 10.c4 Nf6 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.Nc3 Be7 *(12...exd4 13.Nxd4 g6 14.Nc6! Bg7 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Nc5 17.Ra3⩲)* 13.0-0⩲ 0-0 14.Qe2

Ng4 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.cxd5 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Bf6 19.Rac1 Qd7 20.Ne6!±;

B) 8...Nf6 9.dxe5 Nxe4 *(9...dxe5 10.Qxd8+ Nxd8 11.Nxe5 Nxe4 12.Be3 Ne6 13.b6 a6 14.Bb5+ Ke7 15.Ra5!?±)* 10.b6!

B1) 10...Qxb6? 11.Qa4++-;

B2) 10...d5 11.Rxa7

B2a) 11...Rxa7?! 12.bxa7 Nc7 *(12...Qa5? 13.Bb5+ Kd8 14.Qxd5+ Kc7 15.Qxe4)* 13.Be3+-;

B2b) 11...Rb8 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Qxd5 N4c5 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 *(14...Nxd7 15.Rxb7 Rxb7 16.Qxb7 Qxb6 17.Qc8+ Qd8 18.Qxd8+ Nxd8 19.0-0±)* 15.Qxd7+ Nxd7 16.Nbd2 Nxb6 17.0-0±;

B3) 10...Bd7 11.bxa7 Qb6 *(11...dxe5?! 12.Nxe5±; 11...Qc7!? 12.Be3 dxe5 13.Bc4!? Qxc4 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Nxe5+ Kc7 16.Nxc4 Bc5 17.f3 Nd6 18.Bxc5 Nxc5 19.Nxd6 Kxd6 20.Na3 Kc6 21.Nc2±)* 12.Be3 Qb2 13.Ra3 d5 14.Rb3 Qa2 15.Rxb7 Bc5 16.Nfd2 Bxe3 17.Nxe4 Bxa7 18.Nd6+ Ke7 19.Qf3 Rhf8 20.Rxd7+ Kxd7 21.Bb5+ Kc7 22.0-0± Rab8 23.c4 dxc4?? 24.Qc6+ Kd8 25.Qd7#;

B4) 10...a6? 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxe4+-;

C) 8...exd4 9.cxd4

C1) 9...Be7 10.Bd3 Nf6 11.0-0;

C2) 9...b6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.Bc4 Nf6 *(11...Rc8 12.Qe2 Qc7 13.Ra4 Nf6 14.0-0 Be7 15.Ng5 Nxg5 16.Bxg5 0-0 17.e5 dxe5 18.dxe5 Ne8 19.Bf4±)* 12.d5 Nc5 13.Nd4 Be7 *(13...Ncxe4?! 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.0-0 f5 16.f3 Nc5 17.Re1+ Kf7 18.Bb2)* 14.Nc6 Bxc6 15.dxc6 Ncxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7 18.Qd5+ Kf8 19.Qxe4±;

C3) 9...Nf6 10.Bd3 *(10.Nc3 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Qb3±)*

C3a) 10...Bd7 11.Nc3 b6 12.0-0 Be7 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Ng4 15.h3 Nh6 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Be4+-;

C3b) 10...b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.d5!? Nc5 13.Nd4 Be7 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Nc6±;

C3c) 10...d5 11.e5 Bb4+ *(11...Ne4 12.0-0 Be7 13.Qc2)* 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Nbxd2 Nf4 14.0-0 Nxd3 15.exf6 0-0 *(15...Qxf6? 16.Qe2++-)* 16.fxg7 Re8 17.Nb3±;

C3d) 10...Be7 11.0-0

C3d1) 11...d5 12.e5 Ne4 13.Qc2 Bd7 *(13...f5 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Be3 Bd7 17.Qb3 Be8 18.Rfe1±)* 14.Qb3 Nc7 15.Nfd2 Nxd2 16.Bxd2 0-0 17.Nc3±;

C3d2) 11...b6 12.Nc3 0-0 *(12...Bb7 13.d5±)* 13.e5;

C3d3) 11...0-0 12.Nc3

C3d31) 12...h6 13.e5 *(13.Bb1!? Re8 14.Qc2 Nf8 15.h3↑)* 13...dxe5 14.dxe5 Ne8 *(14...Nc5!? 15.Bc2 Qxd1 16.Rxd1 Nfd7 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.Be3 b6 19.Nb4 Bb7 20.Nc6±)* 15.b6!? *(15.Qe2 Nd4 16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Bb2 Bg4 18.Qc2 Rc8 19.Ra4 Qd7*

20.Rxa7±) 15...Qxb6 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Bb1 b6 18.Qc2 g6 19.Rd1 Kg7 20.Ra4 Bd7 21.Rc4± b5 22.Nxe7! Qxe7 *(22...bxc4 23.Nxg6)* 23.Rg4;

C3d32) 12...b6 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Nc5 *(14...Nd7? 15.Be4 Rb8 16.Rxa7±)* 15.Bc4 Qxd1 *(15...Nfe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qd5 Bf5 18.Nd4 Bg6 19.Nc6±)* 16.Rxd1 Nfe4 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.Nd4 Bb7 19.f3 Ng5 20.Nc6±;

C3d33) 12...Qc7

C3d331) 13.Bd2 Qb8 *(13...Bd7 14.e5 dxe5 15.dxe5 Ng4 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.h3 Nh6 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Qe2±)* 14.Re1 Bd7 15.e5 dxe5 16.dxe5 Ne8 17.Nd5;

C3d332) 13.Nd5!? Nxd5 14.exd5 Nd8 15.b6!? *(15.Re1 Bf6 16.Ba3 b6 17.Rc1 Qd7 18.Rc3±)* 15...Qxb6 16.Qc2

C3d3321) 16...g6 17.Bf4 a6 18.Rfb1 Qa7 19.Re1 b5 20.Qe2 Bf6 *(20...Re8? 21.Bxb5+-)* 21.Bxd6 Bd7 22.Bxf8 Kxf8 23.Ne5+-;

C3d3322) 16...h6 17.Ba3 Bg4 18.Rfb1 Rc8 19.Qe2 Qc7 20.Rc1 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Qd7 *(21...Qb8 22.Qf5+-)* 22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.Qe4+-]

[86] **5.Ra4** ChessBase II: '∞' Gotham: 'A supremely tricky move which you can reserve for blitz. It's best for Black to defend by moving the e-pawn.' 5...e5

[5...Nc6 6.d4 d5 Gotham: '...d5 is a horrible mistake!' *(6...e6 7.d5; 6...d6 7.d5 Ne5 8.f4 Ng6 9.Nf3 Bd7 10.Qd4)* 7.exd5 Qxd5 '⩲' 8.Nc3 Qe6+ 9.Be3 Gotham: 'And white has a decisive lead in development, with threats like d5, Nb5, Bc4, etc.']

6.Nf3 Nc6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Be3

5.c3 or d4 gives White the typical initaitve they are playing for. 5...Na6 This is just a stupid move.

[5...Nc6 6.d4 d6 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.d5 Ne5 9.Qd4 a6]

6.d4

[87] The critical continuation is considered to be **5...d6** Gary Lane: 'Lane,Gary: 'or" 6.c4 Smerdon, David: '!?'

[6.Qd2 Smerdon, David: '!' Smerdon, David: 'is a computer-inspired novelty I'm giving away for free.' Nc6 *(6...Qb6 7.Na3* Smerdon, David: '±!' *)* 7.d5 Nb8 8.Nc3 Smerdon, David: '⩲' Smerdon, David: 'with a fantastic position.']

[6.d5 '!' '!?'

A) 6...Na6 7.Bxa6 '!' bxa6 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.0-0 g6 *(9...Nxe4 10.Re1 Nf6 11.c4 g6 12.Nd4 Bb7 13.Nc3 Bg7 14.Nc6 Bxc6 15.dxc6 0-0 16.Rxa6 Qc8 17.Qa4* '⩲' *)* 10.Bb2 Bg7 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.c4 Bg4 13.Bd4 '↑';

B) 6...g6 7.c3 '!' Na6 8.Bxa6 '!' bxa6 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Qc7 13.Bd4 '↑';

C) 6...Nf6 7.Nf3 *(7.c3 Na6 8.Be3 g6 9.Nd2 Bg7 10.Bb5+ Nd7 11.Ne2 0-0 12.Bxa6* Gary Lane: 'White decides to buckle black's queenside pawns as compensation for his pawn deficit Lane,Gary: 'White decides to buckle black's queenside pawns as compensation for his pawn deficit" *bxa6 13.0-0 Qc7 14.Nb3 Ne5 15.Bd4* Gary Lane: 'with roughly equal chances, although White eventually won, Coleman,J-Tunks,D/ British Team Championship 2004. Lane, Gary: 'with roughly equal chances, although White eventually won, Coleman,J-Tunks,D/ British Team Championship 2004." *)*

C1) 7...Nxe4 '?' 8.c3 Na6 9.Bxa6 bxa6 10.Qa4+ '+-';

C2) 7...e5 8.Ba3 Na6 *(8...Qb6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Qb1 Na6 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.Bd3 Nc5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Bxc5 Rxa1 15.Rxa1 bxc5 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.Bb5* '⩲' *)* 9.Bxa6 bxa6 10.Nbd2 Be7 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Re1 0-0 13.c4 Rc8 14.c5 '!' dxc5 15.Nxe5 Bb5 16.Nec4 '⩱';

C3) 7...a5 8.Bb5+ '!' Bd7 *(8...Nd7* '?!' *9.Bd2* '±!' *)* 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 *(9...Nxd7 10.0-0 g6 11.Bb2 Nf6 12.Bd4 Bg7 13.c3 Na6 14.Qa4+ Qd7 15.Qxa5 0-0 16.Nbd2* '↑' *)* 10.Qe2 Qc7 *(10...e5 11.c3 Na6 12.Rxa5* '↑'*; 10...b6 11.Ba3 Na6 12.0-0 g6 13.e5 Nxd5 14.Rd1* '⩲' *e6 15.Rxd5* '!' *exd5 16.exd6+ Qe6 17.Qb5+ Qd7 18.Qxd5 0-0-0 19.Ne5 Nc7 20.Qc4 b5 21.Qf1* '±' *)* 11.0-0 Nxc2 *(11...Qxc2 12.Qb5+ Nd7 13.Qxb4* '+-' *)* 12.Ra4 Nb4 *(12...Rc8 13.Nbd2 Nb4 14.Ba3 Nd7 15.Nb3 Na6 16.Rxa5* '±' *)* 13.Qb5+ Nd7 14.Be3 b6 15.Rc1 Qb7 16.Bd2 Na6 17.Rxa5 '⩱';

C4) 7...g6 8.Bd2 Na6 *(8...Qb6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.c3 Na6 11.Bxa6 bxa6 12.0-0 Bg7 13.Qd3 0-0 14.Nbd2 Rb8 15.Bd4* '↑' *)* 9.Bxa6 bxa6 10.Bc3 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qd3 Qc7 *(12...Nd7 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nbd2 Nc5 15.Qe3* '⩱' *)* 13.Nbd2 '⩲']

6...a5 7.Bd2 Bd7 Smerdon, David: '⩲' Smerdon, David: '1/2-1/2 (60) Petrosian, T (2592)-Hou, Y (2509)/Moscow RUS 2007' 8.Qb3 Nf6 9.Bd3 e5 Nisipeanu seems to have a preference for 10.d5 Be7 11.Ne2 0-0 12.0-0 Qb6 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Na3 Ng4!? Possibly a prepared improvement over an older game of Nisipeanu. 15.Bd2 Giving up a pawn for the sake of a tempo. 15...f5 16.h3 fxe4 17.Bxe4 Nf6 18.Bb1 Black has activated his position radically, but White has a simplifying operation, ensuring him a clear advantage. 18...Na6 19.Qe3 Nc5± ChessBase II: 'Petrosian,T (2592)-Hou,Y (2509)/Moscow 2007/½-½ (60)' without adequate compensation for the missing pawns in Kurnosov,I (2602)-Nisipeanu,L (2675)/Budva (playoff) 2009/CBM 130 (1/2, 50)

5...g6 Smerdon, David: 'was played recently, but I think White should still be very satisfied with the result of the opening.' 6.c3

[6.Ra4 '!?' e6 *(6...Nc6 7.d5 Nb8 8.Qd4 f6 9.Nf3* '⩲' *)* 7.Ba3 a5 8.c3 '⩲']

6...Na6

[6...Nc6 7.d5

A) 7...Ne5 '?' 8.f4 '±';

B) 7...Nb8 8.Qd4

B1) 8...Nf6 9.e5

B1a) 9...Ng8 10.Rxa7 Rxa7 11.Qxa7
B1a1) 11...Qc7 '?!' 12.Be3 '!'
B1a11) 12...f6 13.Nf3 fxe5 14.Bb6 Qd6 15.Nbd2 Na6 16.Bxa6 bxa6 17.c4 Nf6 '?' *(17...a5 18.0-0 Nf6 19.Re1* '+-'*; 17...e4 18.Nxe4 Qb4+ 19.Ned2 Kf7 20.Ng5+ Kg7 21.Bd4+ Nf6 22.Qc7 Qb7 23.Qd8 a5 24.Qe8 a4 25.Qf7+ Kh6 26.Nge4* '+-' *)* 18.Bc5 '+-';
B1a12) 12...Qxe5 13.Qc5 Nc6 14.dxc6 Qxc5 15.cxd7+ Bxd7 16.Bxc5 '+-';
B1a2) 11...Na6 12.Nf3 Bg7 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Qa8 Qc7 15.Na3 Qxc3+ 16.Bd2 Qc7 17.Bxa6 bxa6 18.0-0 Qb7 19.Qxb7 Bxb7 20.Rb1 '+-';
B1b) 9...Nh5 10.Rxa7 Rxa7 11.Qxa7
B1b1) 11...Qc7 12.Nf3 d6 *(12...Bg7 13.g4 Bxe5 14.gxh5 Bxc3+ 15.Bd2 Bxd2+ 16.Nbxd2* '±' *)* 13.Nd4 '!' Bg7 *(13...dxe5* '?' *14.Nb5 Qd8 15.Qxb8* '+-'*; 13...Na6 14.Bxa6* '+-'*; 13...Nd7 14.e6 Nb6 15.c4* '!' *fxe6 16.dxe6 Bg7 17.Be3* '+-' *)* 14.Nb5 Qc5 15.Qxb8 0-0 16.c4 Bxe5 17.Qa7 Qb4+ 18.Nd2 Bf4 19.Qa3 '+-';
B1b2) 11...Na6 12.Be3
B1b21) 12...e6 13.Bb6 *(13.g4 Nf4* '!' *14.Bxf4 Bc5 15.Qa8 0-0* '⩲'*; 13.Nf3* '!' *Qa5 14.Qa8 Qc7 15.d6 Qb8 16.Qxb8 Nxb8 17.g4 Nf6 18.exf6 Bxd6 19.Be2* '+-' *)* 13...Qg5 '∓';
B1b22) 12...Qa5 13.Qa8 Qc7 14.Nf3 Qb8 *(14...d6* '?' *15.Bb5+* '!' *Kd8 16.Qa7 Nc5 17.Ng5 e6 18.Nxf7+ Qxf7 19.Qb6+ Qc7 20.Bg5+ Be7 21.exd6 Qxb6 22.Bxe7#)* 15.Qxb8 Nxb8 16.Na3 d6 *(16...Bg7* '?' *17.g4* '+-' *)* 17.Bb5+ Bd7 18.exd6 exd6 19.0-0 Bg7 20.Nc4 '!' *(20.Rb1* '±!?' *)* 20...0-0 21.Nxd6 Bxc3 22.Bc4 '±';
B1c) 9...Bg7 '?' 10.Rxa7 Rxa7 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Qxa7 '+-';
B2) 8...f6
B2a) 9.h4 '!?' Bg7 10.h5 d6 11.Rxa7 Rxa7 12.Qxa7 Nd7 13.h6 Bf8 14.Bb5 Kf7 15.Nf3 '±';
B2b) 9.Nf3 '!?' b6 10.Bb5 Bb7 11.0-0 Bg7 12.Ng5 '!' Kf8 *(12...Qc8 13.Ne6 Bh6 14.d6* '±' *)* 13.Nf3 a6 14.Be2 d6 *(14...f5 15.e5* '±' *)* 15.Qd1 Nd7 16.Nd4 Nc5 17.Nd2 Bc8 18.Bg4 '±';
B2c) 9.Rxa7
B2c1) 9...Rxa7 10.Qxa7
B2c11) 10...Qc7 11.Be3 Kf7 12.Bb6 Qd6 *(12...Qe5 13.Nd2 Na6 14.Bxa6 bxa6 15.Bd4* '±' *)* 13.Nd2 Na6 14.Bxa6 bxa6 15.Bc5 Qf4 16.g3 Qg4 17.h3 Qh5 18.Qc7 '+-';
B2c12) 10...Na6 11.Be3 Qa5 *(11...Qc7* '?' *12.Bxa6* '+-' *)* 12.Bb6 Qa1 13.Bd3 Qb2 *(13...Kf7 14.Nf3 Bh6 15.0-0* '±' *)* 14.Ne2 *(14.Nf3* '!?' *Qc1+ 15.Ke2 Qxh1 16.Qa8 Kf7 17.Qxc8 d6 18.Qxb7* '±' *)* 14...Nh6 15.0-0 Bg7 16.Bd4 0-0 17.c4 Qb4 18.Nbc3 '±';

B2c2) 9...e5 '!?' 10.dxe6 Nc6 *(10...Rxa7 11.Qxa7 Nc6 12.exd7+ Qxd7 13.Qa4* '±' *)* 11.exd7+ Bxd7 12.Rxa8 Qxa8 13.Qb6
B2c21) 13...Qa2 14.Nf3 '!?' *(14.Qb2 Qxb2 15.Bxb2* '±' *)* 14...Qc2 15.Qb2 '!' Qxe4+ 16.Be2 Ne5 17.0-0 Bc5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Bc4 b5 20.Qd2 Ne7 21.Re1 Qd6 22.Qa2 Bc6 23.Bb3 '±';
B2c22) 13...Qa1 14.Bd3 '!' Ne5 15.Bb5 Nc6 16.Nf3 '!' Qxb1 17.0-0 Qc2 *(17...Nge7 18.Bg5)* 18.Qxb7 Nge7 19.e5 '!' fxe5 20.Ba3 Bg7 21.Bxe7 Kxe7 22.Bxc6 Rd8 23.Qb4+ Ke8 24.Qd6 Qf5 *(24...Bxc6* '?' *25.Qe6+ Kf8 26.Ng5)* 25.Nd4 Bxc6 26.Nxf5 Rxd6 27.Nxd6+ Ke7 28.Rd1 '+-';

C) 7...Na5 8.Qd4 '!'
C1) 8...f6 9.Nd2 Bg7 10.h4 h5 11.Nh3 Nh6 12.Nf4 Kf7 13.Qb4 b6 14.Bd3 '↑' Ng4 *(14...Bb7* '?' *15.Nf3 Ng4 16.Rxa5 bxa5 17.Qxb7* '+-' *)* 15.Nf3 Qc7 16.0-0
C1a) 16...f5 '?' 17.Ng5+
C1a1) 17...Ke8 18.Ba3 d6 *(18...Bf6 19.exf5* '+-' *)* 19.Bb5+ Bd7 20.Nfe6 '+-';
C1a2) 17...Kg8 18.Qxe7 '+-';
C1b) 16...Ne5 17.Nxe5+ fxe5 *(17...Qxe5 18.Nxg6* '!' *Kxg6 19.Bf4* '!' *Qxf4 20.e5+ Qf5 21.Bxf5+ Kxf5 22.Qb1+ Kxe5 23.Qd3 Bb7 24.Rfe1+ Kd6 25.Qg3+* '+-' *)* 18.Nh3 Bf6 19.f4 Kg7 20.fxe5 Qxe5 *(20...Bxe5* '??' *21.Qxe7+ Kg8 22.Rf8#)* 21.Rxf6 '!' Qxf6 *(21...exf6 22.Bf4 Qe8 23.e5 fxe5 24.Re1* '+-' *)* 22.e5 Qxe5 23.Bf4 Qf6 24.Re1 '+-';
C2) 8...Nf6 9.Nd2 *(9.e5 Nb3 10.Qa4 Nxa1 11.exf6 exf6 12.Bd3 Bc5 13.Qxa1* '±' *)* 9...Bh6 *(9...Bg7 10.e5 Ng8 11.Ngf3* '±' *d6* '?' *12.Qa4+* '+-' *)* 10.e5 '!?' *(10.Ngf3 0-0 11.e5 Ne8 12.Ba3* '!' *d6 13.Qh4* '↑' *)* 10...Bxd2+ *(10...Nh5 11.Ngf3* '±' *)* 11.Qxd2 Nb3 *(11...Ng4 12.Qa2 b6 13.Be2* '↑' *Nxe5* '?!' *14.f4* '±' *)* 12.Qb2 Nxa1 13.exf6 Qa5 *(13...0-0 14.Qxa1 exf6 15.Bd3 Re8+ 16.Ne2* '±' *)* 14.fxe7
C2a) 14...Kxe7 '?' 15.Qe2+
C2a1) 15...Kf6 16.Bg5+ '!' Kxg5 17.Qe3+ Kf6 18.Qd4+ Kg5 *(18...Ke7 19.d6+)* 19.Qxh8;
C2a2) 15...Kd8 16.Bg5+ Kc7 17.Qc4+ Kd6 18.Bf4+ Ke7 19.Qe4+ Kd8 20.Qe5 '+-';
C2b) 14...b6 15.Nf3 f6 16.Nd4 Bb7 *(16...Ba6 17.Bxa6 Qxa6 18.Nb5 Nc2+ 19.Kd1 Rc8 20.Nd6+ Kxe7 21.Nxc8+ Rxc8 22.Qxc2* '+-' *)* 17.Bb5 a6 18.Be2 Qxd5 19.f3 '±']

7.Bc4
[7.Nf3 Smerdon, David: '±']
[7.h4 '!?' h5 8.Bc4 Bg7 9.Qb3 e6 10.e5 Ne7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Ne4 '⩲']

7...Bg7 8.Qf3 e6 9.e5 Nc7 10.Nd2 d5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Ne4 Qc6 Smerdon, David: 'and here White could have won with the spectacular' 13.Ra6 Smerdon, David: '!!'

[13.Bf4 Ne7 14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.Qxc6 Nxc6 16.Nxf7 Kxf7 17.Bxc7 Bd7 Smerdon, David: '±' Smerdon, David: '0-1 (36) Bezgodov, A (2482)-Gundavaa, B (2516)/Khanty Mansiysk RUS 2013']

13...Qd7

[13...bxa6 14.Nf6+ Nxf6 15.Qxc6+ Bd7 16.Qxc7 Rc8 17.Qxa7 Rxc4 18.Ba3 Smerdon, David: '+-']

14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.Ra5 Smerdon, David: '±'

5...Qc7 6.c3 Nc6

[6...Na6 7.Nf3 g6 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.0-0 Nh6 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Na3 d6 12.Nb5 Qd8 13.h3 '⩲!']

7.Nf3

[7.d5

A) 7...Na5 8.Ne2 b6 *(8...d6* '?' *9.Qa4+)* 9.Bf4 d6 10.Nd4 a6 11.Be2 Nf6 12.0-0 Nxe4 13.Qa4+ Bd7 14.Nb5 Bxb5 15.Bxb5+ axb5 16.Qxe4 '⩲';

B) 7...Ne5 8.f4 Ng6 9.e5 d6 10.e6 fxe6 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.h4 Nf6 *(12...h5 13.Bd3 Bf7 14.Nf3* '!' *e6 15.Qa4+ Kd8 16.Ng5)* 13.h5 Nxf4 14.Bxf4 Bd7 15.Nf3 e5 16.Bg3 '±';

C) 7...Nb8

C1) 8.Na3 '!?' Qxc3+ *(8...a6 9.Nb5 Qd8 10.Qa4)* 9.Bd2 Qe5 10.Bd3 '!?' Na6 11.Nf3 Qb8 12.Bxa6 bxa6 13.0-0 d6 14.Ba5 '!?' *(14.Qa4+ Bd7 15.Qxa6* '±' *)* 14...Bd7 *(14...Nf6 15.Rb1 Bb7 16.Qa4+ Nd7 17.Rfc1* '+-' *)* 15.Rb1 Qc8 16.Qd3 Qc5 17.Bd2 Nf6 18.Rfc1 '+-';

C2) 8.Nf3 d6 9.Be3⩲ Weidauer,S (1941)-Maier,A (2054) Haslach im Kinzigtal 2010]

7...e6

[7...a6 8.Bd3 d6 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Na3 e6 11.Re1⩲]

8.Bd3 b6

[8...d5 9.e5 f6∞]

9.0-0 Bb7 10.Nbd2

[10.c4 Nb4 11.Nc3 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 a6 13.Bd2⩲]

[10.Na3 a6 11.Bd2⩲]

10...Nf6

[10...d6? 11.d5±]

[10...Be7!?]

11.Re1

[11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 h6 13.Bd2 Rc8 14.Qe2⩲]

11...h6

[11...Be7 12.Ba3 d5 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Bb5+ Bc6 15.Bxc6+ Qxc6 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.c4 Qd8 18.d5 exd5 19.Qa4+ Kf8 20.Qa3⩲]

12.e5

[12.Nc4?! d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nfe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bd6 16.Qa4+ Kf8 17.Ba3 a5 18.Bxd6+ Qxd6∞]

12...Nd5 13.c4 Ndb4

[13...Nf4!? 14.Bf1 Ng6 15.Ne4 Bb4 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.d5 Nb4 19.dxe6 Qxd1 20.exd7+ Kxd7 21.Rxd1+ Ke7 22.Re1+ Kf8 23.Nd4 Kg8 24.Ba3 Nc6 25.Nf5 Rd8 26.Nd6⩱]

14.Bf1 Nd8

[14...Na5 15.Ba3 Na6 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qb1 Rb8 18.Ne4 Kg8∞]

15.Ne4 Bxe4?!

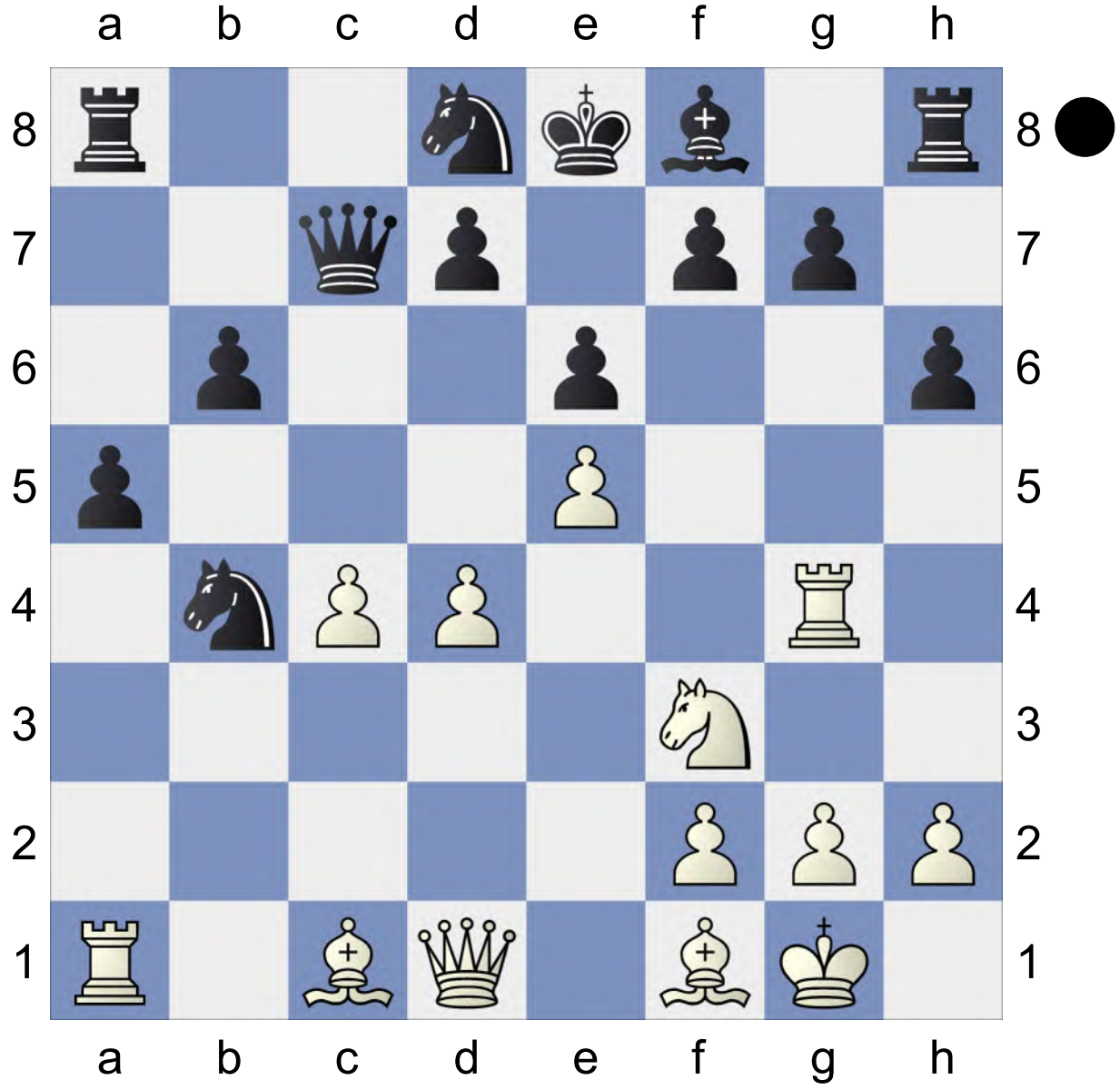
[15...a5 16.d5 Bc5 17.Nd4 exd5 18.Nb5 Qb8 19.cxd5 Bxd5 20.Nxc5 bxc5 21.Nd6+→]

[15...b5!? 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.cxb5 Qc7 19.Bd2 Nd5 20.Ne5 0-0 21.Qg4 f5 22.Qg3 Nf7 23.Rec1 Qd8 24.Ba5 Nb6 25.Bb4 f4∞]

16.Rxe4 a5

[16...Rc8 17.Rg4 a6 18.Nd2 b5 19.Ba3 bxc4 20.Nxc4 a5 21.Rc1↑]

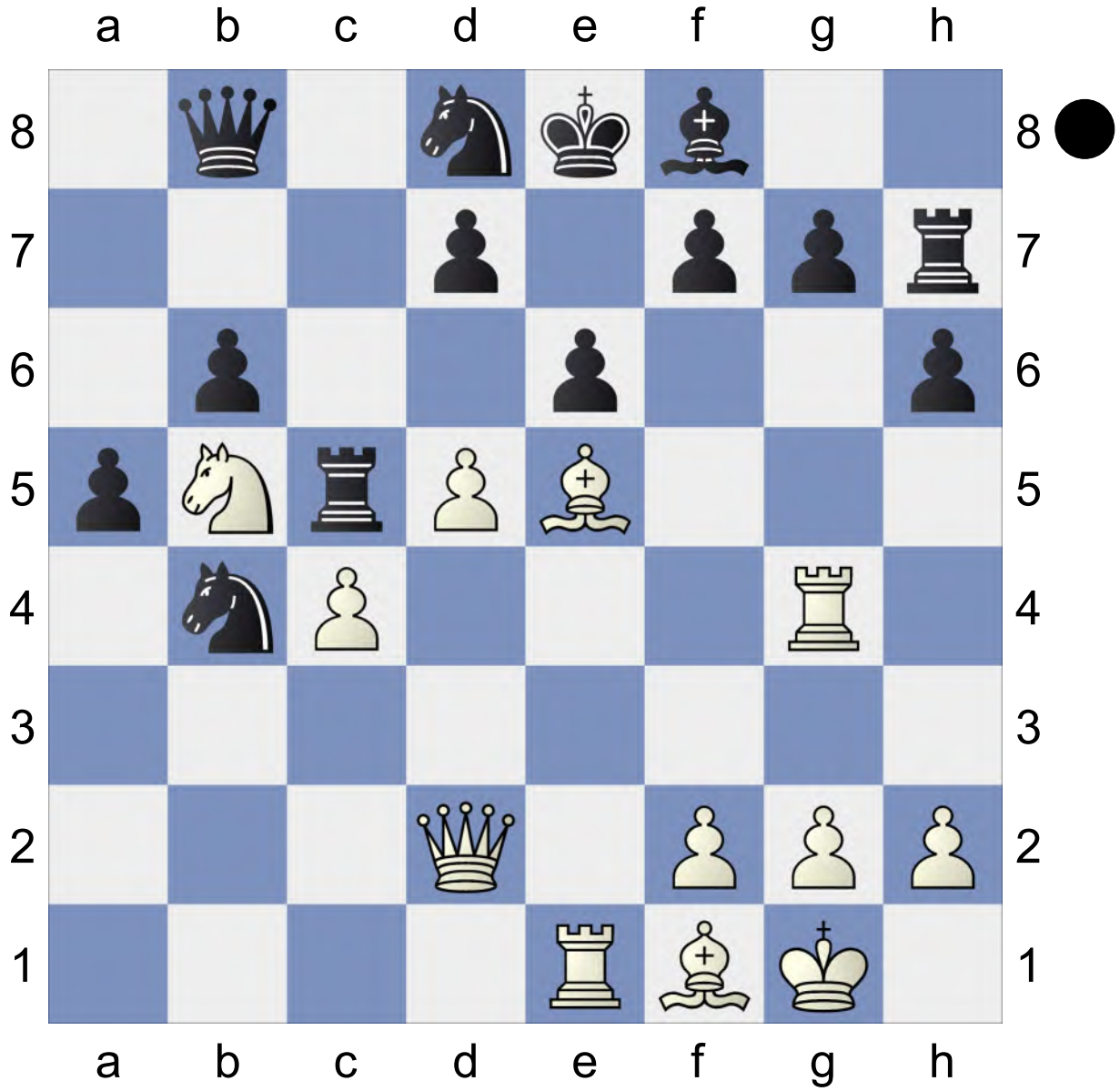
17.Rg4→



Ndc6
[17...g6 18.Nd2
A) 18...Bg7?! 19.Ne4 Nb7 20.Qf3 Qd8 21.Rf4 Nc2 22.Bb2 0-0 *(22...Nxa1? 23.Rxf7+-)* 23.Rc1±;
B) 18...d6 19.exd6 Bxd6 20.c5 Be7 *(20...Bxh2+ 21.Kh1 h5 22.Rh4 Bf4 23.cxb6 Qb8 24.Qf3±)* 21.Nc4 bxc5 22.Bf4 Qc6 23.dxc5 Qd5 24.Nd6+ Kf8□ *(24...Bxd6? 25.Qa4+ Qc6 26.Bb5 Bxf4 27.Bxc6+ Ndxc6 28.Rxf4+-)* 25.Qa4→]
18.Bb2 Rc8?!
[18...Ne7?! 19.d5 Nf5 20.d6 Qb7 21.Rf4 h5 22.Rxf5 exf5 23.Ng5 Rh6 24.c5!±]
[18...Qb7 19.d5 Nd8 20.Nd4 exd5 21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.g3 h5 23.Rh4→]
19.d5 Nd8
[19...Na7? 20.Nd4 Qxe5 21.Qb1 Qh5 22.Be2 Bd6 23.g3 Rxc4 24.dxe6 dxe6 25.Rxg7+-]
20.Nd4!± Qxe5
[20...h5 21.Nb5 Qb8 22.Rg5 g6 23.Qf3±]
21.Qd2 Qb8
[21...Qh5 22.Be2±]
22.Re1
[22.Rd1 e5 23.Nf5 d6 24.Nxg7+ Bxg7 25.Rxg7 b5 26.f4 Qb6+ 27.Kh1 Rxc4□ 28.fxe5 Rc2 29.Qf4±]
22...Rh7?!
[22...h5 23.Rge4 Rh7 24.dxe6 Nxe6 25.f4 g6 26.f5 gxf5 27.Nxf5 Bc5+ 28.Kh1 Nc6 29.Rd1 Kf8 30.Bd3±]
23.Nb5 Rc5
[23...h5 24.Rg5 f6 25.dxe6 Nxe6 26.Rd5 Qb7 27.Bd3 Rh6 28.Bf5 Nxd5 29.cxd5 Bb4 30.dxe6 dxe6 31.Rxe6+ Kf8 32.Qd3+-]
24.Be5+-

(Diagram)

d6
[24...Qa8 25.Bd3 Rxb5 26.Bxh7 Rxd5 27.cxd5 Qxd5 28.Qc3+-]
25.dxe6 Rxe5 26.Rxe5 fxe6
[26...dxe5?? 27.Qd7#]
[26...Nxe6 27.Re1 h5 28.Rge4 Rh6 29.g3 Na6 30.f4 Nac5 31.R4e2 Rf6 32.Qd5 g6 33.Qc6+ Kd8 34.Bg2 h4 35.Bd5 Be7 36.Bxe6 fxe6 37.Rd2 Qb7 38.Rxd6+ Bxd6 39.Qxd6+ Nd7 40.Rd1 h3 41.Rd2 a4 42.Nd4 e5 43.Ne6+ Kc8 44.g4+-]
27.Rh5 Rh8
[27...Kd7 28.Bd3 Rh8 29.Be4 Nbc6 30.Rg3 Kc8 31.Bxc6 Nxc6 32.Rg6 Nd8 33.Rh3 Rg8 34.Rd3+-]



28.Be2
[28.Rh3 Nbc6 29.Be2 Ne5 30.Rgg3 Ke7 31.f4 Nd7 32.Rd3 Nf6 33.Rhe3+-]
28...Kf7
[28...Nbc6 29.Qd3+-]
29.Rg3 Kg8
[29...Nbc6 30.Rd5 Kg8 *(30...exd5 31.Qxd5+ Ke7 32.Re3+ Ne5 33.f4+-)*
31.Nxd6+-]
30.Rxh6 Rxh6 31.Qxh6 Qb7 32.Qh4 1-0 (32) Vlasveld,W (2508)-Neagu,L (2539)
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[32.Qh4 Qe7 33.Qd4 Nbc6 34.Qxb6+-]
5...Nf6 6.c3 Nc6
[6...Na6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Nf3 '⩲' d6 9.Ng5 Nac7 *(9...h6* '?' *10.Bb5+ Bd7*
11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.e6 fxe6 13.Qh5+ Kd8 14.Nf7+ Kc7 15.Nxh8 '+-' *)* 10.Qf3

Be6 *(10...f6* '?' *11.e6* '+-' *Nxe6 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Nxe6)* 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Bd2 dxe5 13.c4 '±']

7.d5

[7.e5 Nd5 8.c4 *(8.Nf3 d6 9.Bb5 Nc7* '∞'*; 8.f4 e6 9.Nf3* '∞' *)* 8...Nb6 '∞']

7...Ne5 8.f4 Neg4

[8...Ng6 9.e5 Ng8 *(9...Ne4 10.f5 Nxe5 11.Qd4 d6 12.Qxe4* '±' *)* 10.Nf3 d6 *(10...e6* '?!' *11.d6* '+-' *)* 11.e6 '!?' fxe6 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.h4 Bd7 *(13...h5 14.Bd3 Rh6 15.f5* '+-' *)* 14.h5 Nxf4 15.Bxf4 e5 16.Be3 b6 17.Bc4 Nf6 18.Ng5 Qc8 19.Bf7+ Ke7 20.Bb3 '±']

9.Qf3

[9.e5 '?!' Qb6 '!' 10.Qf3 Ne4 '!' 11.Nh3 f5 '∞' 12.Bd3 Nc5 13.Na3 g6 '⇄']

9...d6

[9...Qb6 10.Ne2 e5 11.h3 h5 *(11...Nh6* '?' *12.fxe5* '+-' *)* 12.g3 exf4 13.gxf4 Nh6 14.Nd2 '±']

10.h3 Nh6 11.e5

[11.g4 Nd7 12.g5 Ng8 13.Bb5 a6 14.Ne2 Rb8 15.Ba4 '⩲']

11...Nfg8

[11...dxe5 '?!' 12.fxe5 Nxd5 '?' 13.Bb5+ '+-']

12.Nd2 g6 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 15.Qd3 Bg7 16.Ngf3 Silva,J-Markus,R

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5...e5 6.c3 Nc6

[6...Na6 7.dxe5 Ne7 8.Nf3 Nc5 9.Bc4 '±']

7.d5 Nce7

[7...Na5 8.d6 Nf6 *(8...b6 9.Rxa5 bxa5 10.Qd5* '±'*; 8...a6 9.c4 Nf6 10.Nf3)* 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Na3 Qa5 11.Bd2 a6 12.Nc4 Qd8 13.Bg5 b5 14.Ncxe5 '±']

[7...Nb8 8.d6 Qh4 *(8...Qf6 9.Na3 Bxd6 10.Nb5 Bc5 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.fxe3 Kd8 13.Nf3 Nc6 14.Bc4* '±' *)* 9.Na3 Qxe4+ 10.Be3 Na6 *(10...Nc6 11.Nb5 Rb8 12.Nf3 Qg6 13.h4 h6 14.Bxa7 Nxa7 15.Rxa7 f6 16.h5 Qe4+ 17.Be2 Qc6 18.Nh4* '+-' *)* 11.Nf3 Nf6 12.Nb5 h6 13.Ra4 Qd5 14.Bxa7 '±']

8.d6 Nc6 9.Na3 Qh4 10.Nb5 Qxe4+ 11.Be3

5...a5 6.Ba3

[6.c3 Na6 7.f4 '!?' e6 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.e5 Nd5 10.Bd3 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.f5 Be7 13.fxe6 fxe6 '?' *(13...dxe6 14.Qa4+ Kf8 15.Be4* '⩲' *)* 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Bxg6+ hxg6 17.Qxg6+ Ke7 18.Qf7#]

6...Na6

[6...e5 7.c3 Nc6 8.d5 Nce7 9.d6 Nc6 10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Bc4 '±' h6 '?' 12.Qb3 '+-']

7.Nf3 Nf6 8.Bd3 d6 9.e5 Nd5

[9...dxe5 10.dxe5 Nd5 '?' *(10...Nd7 11.e6* '!' *fxe6 12.0-0 g6 13.Ng5 Qb6 14.Re1 Ndc5 15.Qf3)* 11.Bb5+ '+-']

10.0-0 '⩱' 10...Bg4 '?' 11.Re1 dxe5 '?' 12.Nxe5 Bd7

[12...Bxd1 13.Bb5+ '+-']

13.Qh5 g6 14.Qf3 f6 15.Nxg6 '+-'

5...Nc6 6.d5 '!' 6...Nb8
[6...Ne5 7.Qd4 '!' d6 8.Rxa7 Rxa7 9.Qxa7 Qc7 '?!' *(9...Nf6 10.Nc3 e6 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Qxb7 Be7 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Nge2* '±' *)* 10.Bb5+ Nd7 *(10...Bd7 11.Qa8+ Qd8 12.Qxb7* '±' *Qa5+ 13.Bd2 Qxb5* '?' *14.Qa8+)* 11.c4 Ngf6 12.Be3 Kd8 *(12...g6* '?' *13.Bb6 Qb8 14.Qxb8)* 13.Nc3 '±']
7.e5 '!' 7...d6 8.Nf3 dxe5
[8...g6 9.Be3 a6 10.exd6 Qxd6 11.Na3 Bg7 12.Nb5 Qd7 13.d6 '±' Bxa1 14.Qxa1 Nf6 15.Nc7+ Kf8 16.dxe7+ Kg7 *(16...Qxe7 17.Nd5* '+-' *)* 17.Nxa8 Qxe7 18.Be2 '+-']
9.Nxe5 Nd7
[9...Nf6 10.Bb5+ Bd7 *(10...Nbd7 11.0-0)* 11.Bc4 g6 12.0-0 '!?' *(12.d6 Be6 13.Bb5+ Nbd7 14.0-0 a6 15.Ba4 b5 16.dxe7 Bxe7 17.Nc6 Qc7 18.Bxb5 Bc5 19.Nd4 0-0 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.Qxd7 Nxd7 23.Nd2 a5 24.Ne4 Bd4 25.Ra4 e5 26.Bd2* '=' *)* 12...Bg7
A) 13.d6 e6 *(13...0-0 14.dxe7 Qxe7 15.Re1 Ng4 16.Nxg4 Bxg4 17.Rxe7 Bxd1 18.c3* '=' *)* 14.Nd2 Bc6 15.Ba3 Nfd7 16.Nxc6 Nxc6 17.Rb1 '⩲';
B) 13.Re1 0-0 14.Nd2 Bf5 15.Rb1 Qc7 16.Ba3 '⩲' Ne4 '!' 17.Rxe4 Bxe5 *(17...Bxe4 18.d6 exd6 19.Nxf7 Rxf7 20.Bxf7+ Qxf7 21.Nxe4* '±' *)* 18.Rxe5 Qxe5 19.Rxb7 '⩲']
10.Bb5 g6
[10...Ngf6 '?' '?' 11.0-0 '±' g6 *(11...a6 12.Re1 g6 13.Bd2* '±' *Bg7* '?' *14.Ba5 b6 15.Nc6* '+-' *)* 12.d6 exd6 13.Nc4 Be7 14.Bh6]
11.Bd2 '!?'
[11.0-0 Bg7 12.Re1 Ngf6 13.d6 e6 14.Bg5 '⩲']
11...Bg7 12.Ba5 b6 13.Bc3 Qc7 14.d6 '!' 14...exd6
[14...Qxd6 '?' 15.Bxd7+ Bxd7 16.Qf3 '+-']
15.Bxd7+ Bxd7 16.Qd5 dxe5 17.Qxa8+ Bc8 18.Rxa7 Qc4 19.Bb2
[19.Ra4 Qe6 20.Bb4 '±']
19...Ne7 20.Nd2 Qxc2
[20...Qe6 21.Ba3 '+-']
21.Ba3 0-0 22.Bxe7 Bg4
[22...Qc1+ 23.Ke2 Qxh1 24.Bxf8 '+-']
23.0-0 Rxa8 24.Rxa8+ Bf8 25.Bxf8 Bc8 26.Bh6 '+-'
5...e6 6.c3 Nc6 7.d5 Ne5
[7...exd5 8.exd5
A) 8...Nb8 9.d6 *(9.Qe2+!? Qe7 10.Na3!⩲)*
A1) 9...f6? 10.Qe2+ Kf7 11.Qc4+ Ke8 *(11...Kg6? 12.Qg4+ Kf7 13.Bc4+ Ke8 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qd5+-)* 12.Qe4+ Kf7 13.Bc4#;
A2) 9...Qb6
A2a) 10.Ba3
A2a1) 10...Nc6 11.Nf3 *(11.Bc4!? Nf6 12.Nf3⩲)* 11...Nf6 *(11...g6 12.Qe2+ Kd8 13.Qc4! Nh6 14.Qh4+ Ke8 15.Bc1! Nf5 16.Qe4++-)* 12.Qe2+ Kd8 *(12...Be7 13.dxe7+-)* 13.Ng5 Ne5! *(13...Bxd6?*

14.Nxf7+ Kc7 15.Bxd6#) 14.Qxe5 Qxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Ng4+ 16.Kg1 Nxe5 17.Nd2 f6 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.Nf7+ Ke8 20.Bxc4+-;

A2a2) 10...Na6 11.Nd2 *(11.Bxa6!? Qxa6 12.Ra2!± Nf6? 13.Nf3 h6 14.Re2+ Kd8 15.Ne5+-)* 11...Nc5 12.Nc4 Qc6 13.Nf3 b5 14.Nd4 Qe4+ *(14...Qd5 15.Nxb5 Qxd1+ 16.Kxd1 Ne6 17.Nc7+ Nxc7 18.dxc7 Bxa3 19.Rxa3+-)* 15.Ne3 Ne6 16.Bxb5**±**;

A2a3) 10...Nf6 11.Nf3 Ne4 *(11...Ng4 12.Ra2 Nc6 13.Rb2 Qa5 14.Rb5 Qd8 15.Qe2+ Be7 16.Nbd2 0-0 17.dxe7+-)* 12.Qe2 f5 13.Nbd2 Qc6 *(13...Bxd6 14.Nc4+-)* 14.Nd4! Qxc3 15.Rc1 Qxd4 16.Rxc8+ Kf7 17.Nxe4 Qxe4 18.Qxe4 fxe4 19.Bc4+ Kg6 20.Bd5+-;

A2b) 10.Bf4!? Qb2?! 11.Ra4!;

A3) 9...Qf6 10.Qe2+

A3a) 10...Kd8?! 11.Nf3 h6 *(11...Qxd6? 12.Ba3+-; 11...Bxd6 12.Bg5+-)* 12.h4

A3a1) 12...Bxd6 13.Bg5! hxg5 14.hxg5 Qxf3 *(14...Rxh1 15.gxf6 Nxf6 16.Ng5±)* 15.Rxh8 Qxe2+ 16.Bxe2 Bf8 17.Rxg8 Ke7 18.Na3**±**;

A3a2) 12...Qe6 13.Na3 Qxd6 14.Nb5 Qe6 15.Qxe6 dxe6 16.Ne5 Rh7 17.Nxf7+ Ke7 18.Nfd6 Bd7 19.Ba3**±**;

A3b) 10...Qe6 11.Na3

A3b1) 11...a6?! 12.Nb5 Qxe2+ 13.Bxe2 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxd6 15.Nf3 b6 *(15...b4 16.Nd4! bxc3 17.Nb5+-)* 16.0-0 Bb7 17.Ra7 Bd5 18.Rd1 Ne7 19.Bxb5 0-0 20.c4 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Bc5 22.Be3+-;

A3b2) 11...Bxd6 12.Nb5

A3b21) 12...Qxe2+ 13.Nxe2! Ke7 *(13...Be5 14.f4+-)* 14.Ned4 g6 *(14...Be5 15.Nf5+ Ke6 16.f4 Bxc3+ 17.Nxc3 Kxf5 18.Nd5 Na6 19.Ra5)* 15.Ra2! Be5 16.Re2 Kf6 17.Rxe5 Kxe5 18.Nc7 Nc6 19.Nxa8**±**;

A3b22) 12...Ke7 13.Be3 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Nxd6 Kxd6 16.Qd2+!? Ke7 *(16...Kc7 17.Bd3±)* 17.Bd3 Kf8 18.0-0 Nge7 19.Rfe1 Qf6 20.Ra4**±**;

A3b23) 12...Be5? 13.Nf3 Bxc3+ *(13...Nc6? 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Nc7+ Kd8 16.Qxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxa8 b6 18.Rxa7+-)* 14.Nxc3 Nc6 15.Nb5+-;

A3b3) 11...Qxe2+ 12.Bxe2 Bxd6 13.Nb5

A3b31) 13...Be5 14.Nf3 Bf6! 15.0-0

A3b311) 15...Kd8 16.Nd6 Nh6 17.Bxh6 *(17.Nd4!? Nc6 18.N4b5 Rg8 19.Re1 a6 20.Bxh6 gxh6 21.Nxf7+ Ke7 22.Bc4+ Kf8 23.Nfd6+- Rg4? 24.Re8+ Kg7 25.Rg8#)* 17...gxh6 18.Nxf7+ Ke7 19.Nxh8 Nc6 20.Nd4 Bxh8 21.Rfe1**±**;

A3b312) 15...Na6 16.Nd6+ Kf8 *(16...Ke7 17.Ba3+-)* 17.Ba3 Ne7 *(17...Be7 18.Ne5 Nh6 19.Bf3 f6 20.Nxc8 Rxc8 21.Nxd7+ Kf7 22.Bd5+ Ke8 23.Rfe1 Nf5 24.Be6 Bxa3 25.Rxa3 Nd6 26.Nxf6+ Kd8 27.Bxc8 Kxc8 28.Nh5+-)* 18.Bxa6 bxa6 19.Rfe1

Bxc3 *(19...g5 20.Nd4 Kg7 21.Rxe7 Bxe7 22.N6f5+)* 20.Nxc8 Bxe1 21.Nxe7 Bc3 *(21...Ba5 22.Nc6+)* 22.Nd5+ Kg8 23.Nxc3+-;

A3b32) 13...Ke7 14.Ra4!

A3b321) 14...f5 15.Nf3

A3b3211) 15...Nc6 16.Nh4! g6? *(16...Bc5 17.Nxf5+ Kf8 18.0-0 Nf6 19.Nfd6 a6 20.Re1 Rb8 21.Rf4 axb5? 22.Bh5 g6 23.Rxf6+ Kg7 24.Rf7+ Kg8 25.Re8#)* 17.Bg5++-;

A3b3212) 15...Nf6 16.Nfd4 g6 17.Bg5 Rf8 18.Nxd6 Kxd6 19.Nb5+ Ke7 *(19...Kc6 20.Rc4+ Kd5 21.Bxf6 Rxf6 22.Rxc8+-)* 20.Nc7+-;

A3b322) 14...Nf6 15.Bg5

A3b3221) 15...Ke6? 16.Nf3 a6 17.Nfd4+ Kd5 18.Bc4+ Kc5 19.Nb3+ Kc6 20.Na5+ Kb6 21.Nxd6+-;

A3b3222) 15...Nc6 16.Re4+ Be5 17.f4 d6 *(17...Kd8? 18.fxe5 Re8 19.exf6 Rxe4 20.fxg7+ f6 21.Bxf6+ Ke8 22.g8Q#; 17...Kf8 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nc7 Bxc3+ 20.Kf2 Bd4+ 21.Kf1±)* 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Nf3 h6 20.Nxe5 hxg5 21.Nxc6+ Kf8 22.Rd4 bxc6 23.Nc7 Rb8 24.Rd8+ Ke7 25.Rxh8 Kd7 26.Rf8 Rb1+ 27.Bd1 Kxc7 28.Rxf7+ Kb6 29.0-0**±**;

A3b3223) 15...a6 16.Re4+ Kf8 17.Nxd6 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 d5 *(18...h6 19.Be3 d5 20.Nd6 Nc6 21.Nf3)* 19.Nd6 Nc6 20.Nf3 h6 21.Be3 g6 22.Kd2 Kg7 23.Rb1 b5 24.Nd4 Ne5 25.f4 Nc4+ 26.Nxc4 dxc4 27.Bf3**±** Chapter-Games Game 1;

B) 8...Nce7 '?' 9.d6;

C) 8...Na5 9.d6! Qb6 *(9...f6 10.Qh5++-)* 10.Be3 Qd8 *(10...Qxd6 11.Rxa5 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1±)* 11.Qd5 Nc6 12.Qe4++-;

D) 8...Qe7+ 9.Be2!? Ne5 *(9...Nd8? 10.Na3 Qf6 11.Nb5 Bd6 12.Nf3 h6 13.Be3 b6 14.Bd4+-)* 10.Na3!?

D1) 10...a6 11.Nb5 d6 12.f4!;

D2) 10...Nf6 11.Nb5 d6 12.Bf4 Rb8 *(12...Bf5? 13.Bxe5! dxe5 14.d6 Qd7 15.Nc7++-)* 13.Rxa7**±**;

D3) 10...d6 11.Nb5

D3a) 11...Bf5 12.Ba3 Qd7 13.Qa4 Rc8 14.Bxd6 Nd3+ 15.Bxd3 Bxd3 16.Nc7+ Rxc7 *(16...Kd8 17.Bxf8+-)* 17.Bxc7 Bc5 18.Nf3**±**;

D3b) 11...a6 12.f4 '!'

D3b1) 12...Ng6 13.Qa4 Rb8 *(13...Bd7 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Qa5)* 14.Nxd6+ Kd8 15.Ba3**±**;

D3b2) 12...Nc4 13.Qd4 Bf5 14.Kf2 Nf6 15.Bxc4 Rc8 16.Nf3**±** Ne4+ 17.Kg1 axb5 18.Bxb5+ Bd7 19.Bxd7+ Kxd7 20.Qa4+ Kd8 21.Be3 Nc5 22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.Kf2;

E) 8...Ne5

E1) 9.Qe2 Qe7;

E2) 9.d6 Qf6 10.Ba3 b6 11.Qd5 *(11.Be2 Bb7 12.Nf3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 g6* '∓' *)* 11...Rb8 12.Nf3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Qxf3 14.gxf3 Bb7 '∓';

E3) 9.f4!?

E3a) 9...Qf6 '?' 10.Qe2 '+-';

E3b) 9...Qh4+ '?' 10.g3 Qe7 *(10...Qf6 11.Qe2* '+-' *)* 11.fxe5 Qxe5+ 12.Qe2 '+-';

E3c) 9...Ng6 10.Qe2+ Qe7 *(10...Be7* '?' *11.d6 Nf6 12.Ba3* '±'*; 10...N8e7* '?!' *11.d6* '±' *Qb6* '!' *12.dxe7 Bxe7 13.Nf3 0-0 14.f5 Re8* '!' *15.fxg6 Bh4+ 16.Nxh4 Rxe2+ 17.Bxe2 hxg6 18.Nf3 d5 19.Nd4 Bf5 20.Nd2 Rc8 21.Ra3* '±' *)* 11.Na3!?

E3c1) 11...a6 12.Nc4;

E3c2) 11...d6 12.Nb5 Kd8 '?!' *(12...Qxe2+ 13.Nxe2)* 13.Be3 Bg4 14.Nf3 Nf6 15.Nxa7 Ke8 *(15...Nxd5 16.Nc6+ bxc6 17.Rxa8+ Bc8 18.Kf2* '±' *)* 16.Kf2 Ne4+ 17.Kg1 Nxc3 18.Qd2 Ne4 19.Qb2;

E3c3) 11...Nf6 12.Nb5 Nxd5 *(12...Qxe2+ 13.Nxe2)* 13.Nd6+ Kd8 14.Qxe7+ Kxe7 15.Rxa7 '!'

E3c31) 15...Kxd6 16.Rxa8 Kc7 *(16...Be7 17.Ne2 Re8 18.g3 Bf6 19.Kf2* '±' *)* 17.f5 Nge7 *(17...Nh4* '!?' *18.f6 Nxf6 19.Bg5 Ng6 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Nf3* '⩱' *)* 18.Bd3 Nc6 *(18...Nxc3 19.Bf4+ Kd8 20.Ne2* '⩱' *)* 19.Nf3 Nxc3 20.Bf4+ d6 21.Bd2 Nd5 22.Ng5 Be7 *(22...Ne5* '?!' *23.Ke2 Nxd3 24.Nxf7 Rg8 25.Kxd3 Bxf5+ 26.Kd4 Ne7 27.Bf4 Nc6+ 28.Ke3 Kd7 29.Nxd6* '±' *)* 23.Nxf7 Bh4+ *(23...Re8 24.0-0* '⩱' *)* 24.g3 Re8+ 25.Kf2 Bf6 26.Ng5 '⩱';

E3c32) 15...Rb8 '?' 16.Ba3 Kf6 *(16...Ke6* '?' *17.f5+)* 17.Nh3 Ngxf4 '?!' 18.Nxf4 Nxf4 19.g3 Nd5 *(19...Ng6* '?' *20.Bc4* '+-'*; 19...Ne6 20.Bc4 g5 21.0-0+ Kg6 22.Nxf7 Bxa3 23.Nxh8+ Kg7 24.Rxa3 Kxh8 25.Rf7* '+-' *)* 20.Bh3 Kg6 21.0-0 f6 22.Bf5+ Kh5 23.Bd3 Nxc3 *(23...g5 24.g4+* '+-!' *)* 24.Rf4 f5 25.Rxf5+ g5 26.Nf7 Rg8 27.Bxf8 '+-';

E3c4) 11...Qxe2+ 12.Nxe2

E3c41) 12...a6 13.Nc4

E3c411) 13...Nf6 14.f5 Nh4 15.Nd4 '!' Nxd5 16.g3 b5 17.Na5 Nxc3 18.gxh4 Be7 19.Bg5 '⩲';

E3c412) 13...b5 '!?' 14.Nb6 Rb8 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.Rxa6 '∞' b4 '?!' 17.d6 '!' bxc3 18.h4 h5 *(18...Nf6* '?!' *19.h5 Ne7 20.dxe7 Bxe7 21.Rh3* '±' *)* 19.Rh3 Nf6 *(19...Kd8 20.Rxc3* '±' *)* 20.Rxc3 Kd8 21.Rxc8+ Kxc8 22.Nd4;

E3c413) 13...Bc5 14.Ba3!? Bxa3 15.Rxa3 Rb8 16.g3 Nf6 17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.Nf5+ Kf8 19.d6 '!'

E3c4131) 19...b5 20.Bg2 Rb6 21.0-0 Ne8 22.c4 '!?' *(22.Rd1* '⩱' *)* 22...bxc4 23.Nc3 h5 *(23...Nxd6* '?!' *24.Na4* '±' *)* 24.Re1 Bb7 25.Bxb7 Rxb7 26.Rxa6 Rb8 27.Ne4 *(27.Ra7 Rd8 28.h4 Nf6 29.Ne7* '±' *)* 27...h4 28.Ra7 Rd8 29.Nc5 '±';

E3c4132) 19...h6 20.h4 '!' h5 21.Bg2 Kg8 22.Ned4 Kh7 23.Nf3 Re8+ 24.Kd2 Ne4+ 25.Kc2 Nc5 26.Ng5+ Kg8 27.Bf3 '⩲!';

E3c42) 12...Bc5 13.Nb5

E3c421) 13...Bb6 14.Nd6+ *(14.Ned4* '!?' *a6 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Ba3* '⩱' *)*

E3c4211) 14...Ke7 '?' 15.Ba3 Kf6 *(15...Kd8 16.Nxf7+* '+-'*; 15...Nh6 16.Nxc8+ Kd8 17.Nxb6 axb6 18.g3* '+-' *)* 16.Ne4+ Kf5 17.N4g3+ Kf6 *(17...Kg4 18.h3+ Kh4 19.Nf5+ Kh5 20.Neg3#)* 18.Nh5+ Kf5 19.Neg3+ Kg4 20.Be2+ Kh4 21.Nf5#;

E3c4212) 14...Kf8 15.Ba3 '⩲'

E3c42121) 15...N6e7 16.Kd2 '!' Nf6 17.Ng3 Bd8 *(17...Nfxd5* '?' *18.Bc4 Nxf4 19.Rhf1 g5 20.Rae1 Bd8 21.Nxf7 Rg8 22.Nxd8* '+-' *)* 18.Bc4 g6 19.Rhe1 Kg7 20.Nxf7 '!' Kxf7 21.Bxe7 b5 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Bxb5 '⩲';

E3c42122) 15...N8e7 16.Kd2 h5 17.Nd4 Kg8 *(17...Bxd4 18.cxd4 Nxf4 19.Re1 Nfxd5 20.Bc4* '+-' *)* 18.Re1 Nxd5 19.f5 Ngf4 20.Re8+ Kh7 21.Rxh8+ Kxh8 22.g3 Ba5 23.Bb2 Ne6 24.Nxf7+ Kg8 25.fxe6 dxe6 26.Nd6 '+-';

E3c4213) 14...Kd8 '?' 15.Nxf7+ Ke7 16.Nxh8 Nxh8 17.c4 Nf6 18.Bb2 Nf7 19.Nd4 '+-';

E3c422) 13...Kd8 14.Ba3!? '!' *(14.g3 a6 15.Bg2 d6 16.Nbd4 Nf6 17.0-0 Ne7* '∓' *)*

E3c4221) 14...b6 15.Bxc5 bxc5 16.g3 Nf6 17.c4 a6 18.Nec3 Rb8 19.Nd6 Kc7 *(19...Rf8 20.Bd3 Kc7 21.Nxc8 Rfxc8 22.Rxa6* '⩲' *)* 20.Nxc8 Rhxc8 21.Rxa6 '⩲';

E3c4222) 14...Bxa3 15.Rxa3

E3c42221) 15...Nf6 '!?'

E3c422211) 16.g3 a6 17.Nd6 '=' Kc7 *(17...Ke7* '?!' *18.Nf5+ Kf8 19.d6* '⩲' *)* 18.Nxf7 *(18.Nb5+ Kd8 19.Nd6)* 18...Rf8 19.d6+ Kb8 20.Ng5 '∞';

E3c422212) 16.Nxa7 Nxd5

E3c4222121) 17.Nc6+ dxc6 18.Rxa8 Ndxf4 19.Nxf4 Nxf4 20.Kf2 *(20.Kd2 Kc7 21.Bc4 Rd8+ 22.Kc1 Nd5* '=' *)* 20...Kc7 21.Bc4 b5 22.Bxf7 Rf8 23.Bb3 c5 24.Rha1 Rf6 '∞';

E3c4222122) 17.g3 Nc7 18.Kf2 Re8 19.Nd4 Ne7

E3c42221221) 20.Bc4 d5 21.Bd3 h5 *(21...Ng8* '!' *22.Bxh7 Nf6 23.Bd3 Ng4+ 24.Kg2 Ne3+ 25.Kf2 Ng4+* '=' *)* 22.Rb1 '⩱';

E3c42221222) 20.Ndb5 Nxb5 21.Bxb5 Nd5 22.Bc4 Nxc3 23.Bxf7 Re2+ 24.Kf3 Re7 25.Rxc3 Rxa7

26.Rhc1 Rxf7 27.Rxc8+ Ke7 28.Re1+ Kd6 29.Rd1+ Ke7 30.Re1+ Kf6 31.Kg4 g6 32.Rd1 '=';

E3c42222) 15...a6

E3c422221) 16.g3 '!?' Nf6 *(16...Rb8* '!' *17.Nd6 Nh6 18.Nd4 Kc7 19.N6f5 Nxf5 20.Nxf5 d6 21.Nxg7 h5 22.Be2 Bg4 23.Bxg4 hxg4 24.Nf5* '=' *)* 17.Bg2 Rb8 18.Nd6 Rf8

E3c4222211) 19.Kf2 Ng4+ 20.Kf3 Nf6 21.c4 b5 22.Rb1 Kc7 23.Nf5 d6 *(23...bxc4* '??' *24.d6+)* 24.Ned4 bxc4 25.Rxb8 Kxb8 26.Bf1 Nxd5 27.Bxc4 Nge7 28.Nxd6 Kc7 29.Nxc8 Rxc8 30.Rxa6 Kb7 31.Ra4 '⩱';

E3c4222212) 19.0-0 '!?' 19...Ne8 20.Ne4 b5 21.Rb1 Ne7 22.c4 Nf5 23.Kf2 Ned6 24.Nxd6 Nxd6 25.c5 Nf5 26.d6 '⩱';

E3c422222) 16.Nd6

E3c4222221) 16...Nh6 17.c4 *(17.g3 Rb8)* 17...Kc7 '!' 18.Nb5+ Kb8 19.Nd6 Kc7 20.Nb5+ '=';

E3c4222222) 16...Ke7 17.Nf5+ Kf8 *(17...Kf6 18.Ned4* '!' *Nxf4 19.c4 g6 20.Nd6 Ke7 21.c5* '!' *Nh6 22.Rf3 Nxd5 23.Bc4 Nc7 24.Rh3* '⩱' *)* 18.c4 '⩲' *(18.d6 b5 19.g3 Bb7 20.Rg1 Nf6 21.Bg2 Bxg2 22.Rxg2 Nd5 23.Ra5 f6 24.c4 Nb4 25.cxb5 Kf7 26.bxa6 Rhe8* '=' *)* 18...h5 *(18...Nf6 19.Ned4 Nxf4 20.Rf3 Ng6 21.Be2* '⩲'*; 18...N8e7 19.Nd6 Rb8 20.Nd4* '⩲' *)* 19.Ned4 Nxf4 20.Rf3 Ng6 *(20...g5* '?' *21.h4* '±' *)* 21.Nd6

E3c42222221) 21...f6 22.Bd3 Ne5 *(22...N8e7 23.Nxc8 Rxc8 24.d6* '⩱' *)* 23.Re3 Nxd3+ 24.Rxd3 Ne7 25.Re3 '±' g5 26.0-0 Rh6 27.Rxe7 '!' Kxe7 28.N4f5+ Kd8 29.Nxh6 Ke7 30.c5 a5 31.Re1+ Kd8 32.Ne8 d6 33.Nf7+ Kd7 34.cxd6 a4 35.Re7#;

E3c42222222) 21...Nf6 22.Be2 b5 23.0-0 bxc4 24.N4f5 '⩲' a5 *(24...Ne5 25.Re3 Ng6 26.Bxc4* '±' *)* 25.Nxg7 Kxg7 26.Rxf6 '↑';

E3c43) 12...d6 13.Nb5

E3c431) 13...Kd7 14.Rxa7 '!' Rxa7 *(14...Rb8* '?' *15.Ned4 Nf6 16.Nc6* '+-' *)* 15.Nxa7 Nf6 16.c4 Ne4 17.Nd4 Ne7 18.Ba3 g6 19.Bd3 Nc5 20.Kd2 Bg7 21.Ndb5 b6 22.Rb1 '±' Bb7 '?' 23.Nxd6 Kxd6 24.Rxb6+ Kc7 25.Bxc5 '+-';

E3c432) 13...Kd8 14.Nxa7 '!' Kc7 15.Nb5+ Kb8 16.Rxa8+ Kxa8 17.c4 Nf6 18.Nec3 Bf5 19.g3 '±';

E3c433) 13...Rb8 14.Rxa7 Nf6 *(14...Bg4 15.Ned4 Nf6* '?!' *16.f5 Nh4 17.Bd3 Nxd5 18.Kf2 Be7 19.h3* '+-' *)* 15.c4 Be7 16.Ba3

0-0 17.g3 Rd8 18.Nec3 Bf5 19.Kd2 '±';

E3c44) 12...N8e7 13.Nb5 Kd8 *(13...Nxd5 14.f5)* 14.Nd6 Rg8 15.Nxf7+ Ke8 *(15...Kc7* '?' *16.d6+ Kb6 17.Be3+ Kc6 18.Nd4+ Kd5 19.Ra5+ Ke4 20.Ng5+ Kxe3 21.g3* '+-' *)* 16.Nd6+ Kd8 17.f5 '!' Ne5 18.Nf4 g5 *(18...Nxd5 19.Nxc8 Nc7 20.Nxa7 Bc5 21.Ra5 b5 22.Nc6+ Nxc6 23.Rxa8+ Nxa8 24.Bxb5* '±'*; 18...b6 19.Be3 Kc7 20.Nb5+ Kb8 21.Bd4 Nf7 22.Bd3 a6 23.Na3 b5 24.0-0 Bb7 25.c4* '±' *)* 19.Nd3 Nxd5 20.Nxe5 Bxd6 21.Nf7+ Kc7 22.Nxd6 Kxd6 23.g4 '↑';

E3c45) 12...Bd6 13.Nb5 *(13.Nc4 Bc5 14.Ba3* '↑' *)* 13...Bb8 *(13...Bc5* '?' *14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Nxa8 Nf6 16.Ba3* '+-' *)* 14.g3 '!?' *(14.Ba3* '⩲' *)* 14...Nf6 15.d6

E3c451) 15...a6 16.Bg2 0-0 17.0-0 '⩲';

E3c452) 15...Ne4 16.Ba3 a6 17.Nc7+ Bxc7 18.dxc7 d5 19.Bg2 '±' Kd7 *(19...Be6 20.c4* '±' *)* 20.Rd1 Nf6 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Rxd5+ Kxc7 23.f5 Nf8 24.Bd6+ Kb6 25.0-0 Nd7 26.Nd4 Ka7 27.Bf4 Nb6 28.Rd6 Bd7 29.Rb1 '+-';

E3c453) 15...0-0 16.Bg2 Re8 17.Kd2 a6 18.Ned4 Ne4+ 19.Bxe4 Rxe4 20.Kd3 Re8 21.Nc7 Bxc7 22.dxc7 d5 23.Ba3 Nf8 24.Rhe1 '⩱';

E3c454) 15...a5 16.Ned4 a4 17.Bg2 0-0 18.Ba3 Re8+ 19.Kd2 '±';

E3c46) 12...Nf6 13.Nb5

E3c461) 13...Nxd5 14.f5 '!' Ne5 15.Nf4 Nb6 16.Nc7+ Kd8 17.Nxa8 Nxa8 18.Rxa7 Nc7 19.Be3 '⩱';

E3c462) 13...Rb8 14.Be3 b6 15.Rxa7 Nxd5 *(15...Bc5 16.Bd4 0-0 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Kd2* '⩱' *)* 16.Bd4 Bb7 17.f5 Bc6 18.fxg6 Bxb5 19.Nf4 '↑!' Bxf1 20.gxf7+ Kxf7 21.Rxf1 Nxf4 22.Rxf4+ Ke6 23.Rf2 '!' Rg8 24.Re2+ Kd5 25.Rxd7+ Kc6 26.Rf7 '⩱';

E3c463) 13...Kd8 14.d6 '!?'

E3c4631) 14...Ne4 15.Be3

E3c46311) 15...Nxd6 '?' 16.Bxa7 Ke7 17.Nxd6 Kxd6 18.Bc5+ *(18.g3* '!?' *f5 19.Bg2* '±' *)* 18...Kxc5 19.Rxa8 '±';

E3c46312) 15...Bxd6 16.Ra4 Re8 17.f5

E3c463121) 17...Nf8 '!' 18.Bb6+ axb6 19.Rxa8 Be5 20.Na7 Kc7 *(20...Nd6* '?!' *21.Kd2 Kc7 22.Nd4* '±' *)* 21.g3 d5 22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.Nxc8 Kxc8 24.Bg2 Nxc3 *(24...Nd7 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Kd2 Kc7 27.Ra1 Nf6 28.Ra8 Kd7 29.Ke3* '⩱' *)* 25.Nxc3 Bxc3+ 26.Kd1 d4 27.f6 '⩱!';

E3c463122) 17...Nh4 '?!' 18.Nxd6 Nxd6 19.Bg5+ f6 20.Bxh4 '±' b5 *(20...Nxf5 21.Bf2 Ne3 22.Kd2 Nxf1+ 23.Rxf1 d6 24.Rxa7* '±' *)* 21.Rg4 '!?' *(21.Rf4 Bb7 22.Kd1*

Rc8 23.Bf2 '±' *)* 21...Nxf5 *(21...Bb7* '?' *22.Rxg7* '+-' *)* 22.Bf2 Bb7 *(22...a5 23.Kd2 a4 24.Ng3 Nxg3 25.hxg3 a3 26.Bb6+ Ke7 27.Bxb5 a2 28.Ra1* '+-' *)* 23.Kd2 g6 24.Nd4 Nd6 *(24...Nxd4 25.Bxd4 f5 26.Rh4* '±' *)* 25.Bd3 '±!?';

E3c4632) 14...a6 '!' 15.Be3 Nd5

E3c46321) 16.Bf2 b6 '!' *(16...Ngxf4* '??' *17.Nxf4 Nxf4 18.Bb6+ Ke8 19.Nc7+* '+-' *)* 17.f5 Bb7 18.Nc7 Ne5 '!' 19.Bh4+ f6 20.Nxa8 Bxa8 21.Rxa6 Bb7 22.Ra7 Kc8 23.Nd4 Nxc3 24.Nb5 Nxb5 25.Bxb5 Kb8 '!' 26.Ra2 Bxd6 27.0-0 Bc5+ 28.Bf2 Be4 29.Ra4 Bc2 30.Ra2 Be4 31.Ra4 '=';

E3c46322) 16.Bd4 b6 17.f5 Nh4 18.Nf4 '!' Bb7 '!' *(18...Nxf4* '??' *19.Bxb6+* '+-' *)* 19.Nxd5 axb5 20.Bxb6+ Kc8 21.Rxa8+ Bxa8 22.Ne7+ Bxe7 23.dxe7 Re8 24.Bxb5 *(24.f6 gxf6 25.Kf2 Rxe7 26.Bxb5 Bxg2 27.Rg1 Re6* '!' *28.Bd4 Be4 29.Rg7 Bg6 30.Rg8+ Kc7 31.Ra8 Nf5 32.Ra7+ Kb8 33.Rxd7 Nxd4 34.cxd4* '=' *)* 24...Rxe7+ 25.Kf2 Nxf5 26.Rd1 h5 27.Bc5 d6 '=';

E3c46323) 16.Bg1 '!?' 16...b6 17.f5 Nh4 *(17...Bb7 18.Nc7 Ne5 19.Nxa8 Bxa8 20.Nd4 Bxd6 21.Rxa6 Bb7 22.Ra7 Kc8 23.Nb5 Bb8 24.Ra4 Re8 25.Kd2* '±' *)* 18.Nbd4 '!' g6 *(18...Bb7 19.Bf2 g5 20.Rg1 Bxd6 21.g3* '±' *)* 19.Bf2 Nxf5 20.Nxf5 gxf5 21.c4 '!?' *(21.Bd4* '!?' *Rg8 22.g3 Bb7 23.Bg2 Kc8 24.0-0* '⩲' *)* 21...Nb4 *(21...Bg7 22.Rb1 Nc3 23.Bxb6+ Ke8 24.Rb3 Ne4 25.Nd4 Nxd6 26.Re3+ Kf8 27.Bd3 f4 28.Re2* '⩲' *)* 22.Bxb6+ Ke8 23.Rd1 Bg7 24.Kf2 Be5 25.Nd4 '↑';

E3c47) 12...Bxa3 13.Bxa3

E3c471) 13...b6 14.Nd4

E3c4711) 14...Nf6 15.Nb5 Kd8 16.Nd6 Kc7 17.g3 '±';

E3c4712) 14...a5 15.Nb5 Kd8 16.Kd2 Nxf4 '?!' *(16...N8e7 17.Nd6 Rf8 18.g3* '±' *)* 17.Bf8 '±';

E3c4713) 14...Bb7 15.Nb5 Kd8 *(15...0-0-0* '?' *16.Nxa7+ Kb8 17.Bd6+ Ka8 18.Nc6+ Ba6 19.Rxa6+ Kb7 20.Ra7+ Kc8 21.Ba6#)* 16.Nd6 Kc7 *(16...Bxd5* '?' *17.c4 Be6 18.f5* '+-' *)* 17.f5 N6e7 *(17...Ne5 18.Nb5+ Kc8 19.Bf8 Nf6 20.Bxg7 Re8 21.Nd6+ Kc7 22.Nxe8+ Rxe8 23.Bxf6 Ng4+ 24.Kd2 Nxf6 25.Bd3* '±' *)* 18.Nxf7 Bxd5 19.Nxh8 Nxf5 20.Bd3 Re8+ 21.Kd2 '±';

E3c472) 13...Nf6 14.c4

E3c4721) 14...Ne4 15.Ng3 '!' f5 '?' *(15...Nxg3 16.hxg3 f6 17.Be2* '±' *)* 16.Nxf5 Nxf4 17.0-0-0 d6 18.Nxg7+ Kf7 19.Rd4

Kxg7 20.Rxe4 Ng6 21.Bb2+ Ne5 22.Rxe5 dxe5 23.Bxe5+ Kg8 24.Bd3 h6 25.Bxh8 Kxh8 26.Re1 '+-';

E3c4722) 14...b6 15.Nc3

E3c47221) 15...Kd8 '!?' 16.g3 Ba6 '?!' *(16...Bb7 17.Kd2 Ne7 18.Bg2 Re8 19.Bxe7+ Rxe7 20.d6 Bxg2 21.dxe7+ Kxe7 22.Rhe1+* '⩲' *)* 17.Bb2 Bb7 18.Nb5 a6 19.Nd6 Kc7 20.Ba3 '±';

E3c47222) 15...Nxf4 16.Bd6 Ng6 17.Nb5 Kd8 *(17...Ne4 18.Nc7+ Kd8 19.Nxa8 Nxd6 20.Rxa7* '±' *)* 18.Bc7+ Ke7 *(18...Ke8* '?' *19.Bd3 d6 20.Bxd6 Kd8 21.Bc7+ Kd7 22.0-0 Ne7 23.Bxb6 a6 24.Bc5 Bb7 25.Rfe1 Rhe8 26.Nd6* '+-' *)* 19.Bd3 Bb7 20.Nd6 Nxd5 '!' 21.cxd5 Bxd5 22.Nf5+ Kf8 23.0-0 '±';

E3c473) 13...N8e7

E3c4731) 14.Nd4 '!?' Nxd5 *(14...0-0* '?' *15.f5* '+-'*; 14...Nxf4 15.Nb5 Kd8 16.c4 Nf5 17.g3 Ng6 18.Bd3 a6 19.Bb4 Nh6 20.Ba5+ Ke7 21.d6+ Kf8 22.Nc7 Rb8 23.Bb6* '±' *)* 15.Nb5 Kd8 16.Nd6 f5 *(16...Rf8 17.f5 Nge7 18.Kd2* '±' *)* 17.g3 '!' *(17.Nf7+ Kc7 18.Nxh8 Nxh8 19.0-0-0 Nxc3 20.Rd4 Ne4 21.Bd3 b5 22.Bxb5 Ng6 23.g3 Rb8 24.Ba4 Rb6 25.Rhd1* '±' *)* 17...Nxc3 18.Bd3 Ne4 19.Bxe4 '!' fxe4 20.0-0 '!' b6 21.Rfe1 Kc7 22.Rac1+ Kb8 23.Rxe4 Bb7 24.Re3 Kroezen,R-Markus,R Game 2 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] '±';

E3c4732) 14.g3 Nxd5 '∞';

E3c4733) 14.c4 0-0 15.Nd4 Re8 16.Kf2!? Nxf4 17.Re1]

[7...Nb8 8.d6

A) 8...e5?! 9.Na3 Qb6 10.Nb5 Na6 11.Nf3 f6 12.Nxe5! g6 13.Qd5 fxe5 14.Qxe5++-;

B) 8...Nf6 9.e5

B1) 9...Nd5 10.c4 Nb4 *(10...Nb6 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Nb5! f6 13.Nc7+ Kf7 14.c5)* 11.Nc3 g6 *(11...a6?! 12.Nb5 axb5 13.Rxa8 N8c6 14.cxb5 Nxe5 15.Bb2 Ng6 16.Qc1 Nc6 17.bxc6 dxc6 18.Ba3+-)* 12.Nb5 N4a6 13.Nf3 Bg7 14.Nc7+ Nxc7 15.Bg5 f6 16.dxc7 Qxc7 17.exf6 Bf8 18.Bd3±;

B2) 9...Ne4 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Bd3 Nc5 12.Bc2 f6 *(12...b6? 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bxf6! gxf6 15.Ng5!+-)* 13.exf6 Qxf6 *(13...gxf6?? 14.Ng5 Bxd6 15.Qh5+ Ke7 16.Qf7#)* 14.Bg5 Qf7 15.Na3± h6 16.Qb1! hxg5 17.Bg6 Rh6 18.Bxf7+ Kxf7 19.Nxg5+ Kg8 20.Nb5 a6 21.0-0 Rb8 22.Nd4 Bxd6 23.g3±;

C) 8...Qf6!? 9.f4! e5 10.Na3 Qxd6 11.Qxd6 Bxd6 12.Nb5 Ke7 13.fxe5! Bxe5 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Ba3+ Kf6 17.Nc7 Rb8 18.Nd5+ Kg6 19.Bd6 Nc6 20.Bd3!+-;

D) 8...Qb6 9.e5 Nc6 *(9...f6 10.Na3 fxe5 11.Nb5 Nf6 12.Be3 Qc6 13.Nf3 Na6 14.Rxa6! bxa6 15.Nxe5!± Qb7 16.Nc7+ Kd8 17.Nf7#)* 10.Nf3

D1) 10...f6 11.Na3 Nxe5 *(11...fxe5 12.Nb5 Nf6 13.Be3 Qd8 14.Ng5! h6 15.Bd3 e4 16.Bxe4 Ne5 17.f4+-)* 12.Nxe5 fxe5 13.Qh5+ Kd8 14.Nb5 Nf6 *(14...Bxd6 15.Qg5+ Nf6 16.Qxg7 Rf8 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Ba3+-)* 15.Qxe5 h6 *(15...Qxf2+ 16.Kxf2 Ng4+ 17.Kg3 Nxe5 18.Bg5+ Ke8 19.Bd3!)* 16.Be2 a6 17.Be3 Qc6 18.Bd4± Nd5! *(18...Qxg2? 19.Qxf6+ gxf6 20.Bxf6+ Ke8 21.Bh5+ Qg6 22.Bxg6#; 18...Rh7 19.Qf4!+-)* 19.0-0 Rb8 20.c4 axb5 21.cxd5 Qxd6 22.Qe3;

D2) 10...Nh6 11.h3 a6 *(11...Nf5 12.g4±; 11...g6 12.Na3 Bg7 13.Be3 Qd8 14.Bg5 Qb6 15.Nc4±)* 12.Na3 Na5 *(12...Nf5 13.Nb5+-)* 13.Bd3 g6 14.Qa4 Bg7 15.Be3 Qd8 16.Bg5 Qb6 17.Rb1 Qc5 18.Be3 Qxc3+ 19.Ke2± b5 20.Nxb5! axb5 21.Bxb5 Nf5 22.Rhc1+- Chapter-Games Game 2]

[7...Na5 8.dxe6± fxe6? *(8...dxe6? 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Rxa5+-)* 9.Qh5+ g6 10.Qxa5+-]

[7...Nce7 8.d6 Nc6 *(8...Ng6 9.f4)* 9.Na3

A) 9...Nf6? 10.Nb5+-;

B) 9...Qh4

B1) 10.Nb5! Qxe4+ 11.Be2 Rb8 *(11...Qxg2 12.Bf3 Qg6 13.Nc7+ Kd8 14.Nxa8 Qf6 15.Kf1 Qxc3 16.Be3±)* 12.Nf3 Nh6 *(12...Nf6?? 13.Ng5 Qxg2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Nxf7#)* 13.Ra4 Qg6 14.Bg5! f6 15.Bxh6 Qxh6 *(15...gxh6 16.Ne5!±)* 16.Rh4 Qg6 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bh5±;

B2) 10.Qd3? Ne5 11.Qd4 Nc6=;

C) 9...f6 10.Nb5 Kf7 *(10...Rb8 11.Be3 a6 12.Nc7+ Kf7 13.Bb6 g6 14.Rb1± f5 15.e5!? Nxe5 16.Nxa6 Qh4 17.Nxb8 Qe4+ 18.Be2 Qxg2 19.Bf3 Nxf3+ 20.Qxf3 Qxf3 21.Nxf3 Bxd6 22.Bd4 Nf6 23.Ne5+ Ke7 24.Nbxd7 Bxd7 25.Nxd7 Kxd7 26.Bxf6+-)* 11.Be2 g6 12.Be3 b6 13.Nh3!? Bb7 *(13...Bh6 14.f4±)* 14.0-0 Na5 *(14...a6? 15.Nc7+-)* 15.f4 Bxe4? *(15...Bg7? 16.Ng5+! fxg5 17.fxg5+ Nf6 18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.Bd4+-; 15...Kg7 16.e5±)* 16.Ng5+ fxg5 17.fxg5+ Nf6 *(17...Kg7 18.Bd4++-; 17...Ke8 18.Nc7++-; 17...Bf5 18.Rxf5+! exf5 19.Qd5+ Kg7 20.Bd4++-)* 18.Rxf6+ Kg8 19.Nc7 Rc8 20.Nxe6! dxe6 21.Rxe6 Bb7 22.Rxa5! bxa5 23.Qb3+-]

8.f4 Ng6 9.d6! f6 '?!'

[9...Qb6 10.e5 f6 11.Nf3 *(11.Na3 fxe5 12.Nb5 Kd8 13.Nf3! exf4 14.h4⩱)*

A) 11...Qc5 12.Bd3! fxe5 13.Bxg6+ hxg6 14.fxe5±;

B) 11...a6 12.Bd3 fxe5 13.Bxg6+ hxg6 14.fxe5±;

C) 11...Nh6 12.Bd3 Ng4 *(12...Nf5 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Qe2 fxe5 15.fxe5 Qc6 16.Nd4 Qe4 17.Qxe4 fxe4 18.Nb5 Nxe5 19.0-0 h6 20.Ra4 a6 21.Nc7+ Kd8 22.Ba3+-)* 13.Qe2 *(13.Qc2!? Kf7 14.Qe2↑)* 13...fxe5 14.fxe5 Qc5 15.Bxg6+ hxg6 16.Ra4 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxd6 18.Re4 0-0 19.Ba3 Qb6 20.Bxd6 Qxb1+ *(20...Qxd6 21.Nxg6 Rf6 22.Qh5+-)* 21.Kd2 Qb2+ 22.Kd3 Qb5+ 23.Kc2 Qxe2+ 24.Rxe2 Rf6 25.c4+-;

D) 11...fxe5 12.fxe5

D1) 12...Qd8? 13.Na3 Nxe5 *(13...h6 14.Nb5+-)* 14.Nxe5 Qh4+ 15.g3

Qe4+ 16.Qe2+- Qxh1? 17.Nb5 Nh6 18.Nc7+ Kd8 19.Bg5+ Be7 20.Bxe7#;
D2) 12...Nf6 13.Na3!? *(13.exf6 gxf6±)* 13...Nd5 14.Nb5 Kf7 *(14...a6? 15.c4 Ne3 16.Qb3! Nxf1 17.Nc7++-)* 15.h4 a6 16.h5 Ngf4 17.Bxf4 Nxf4 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Qf3 h6 20.Qxf4 hxg5 21.Qxg5 Rb8 22.Bd3 axb5 23.Rf1 Qc5 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Qe7+ Kg8 26.Qe8#;
D3) 12...Qc5 13.Qd4! b6 *(13...Qxd4 14.cxd4 a6 15.Nc3 Rb8 16.h4+-)* 14.Qe4 Qc6 15.Qxc6 dxc6 16.Bd3 a5 17.Nbd2±;
D4) 12...Nh6 13.Na3
D4a) 13...a6 14.Bd3 Ng4 15.Rf1 Ne3 16.Bxg6+! hxg6 17.Qd3 Nf5 18.Nb5 Kf7 19.Nc7 Rb8 20.g4+-;
D4b) 13...Nf7 14.Nb5 Nfxe5? 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Qh5+ Ng6 *(16...Nf7 17.Nc7+ Kd8 18.Bg5+ Nxg5 19.Qe8#)* 17.Bd3 Bxd6 18.Bxg6+ Kd8 19.Bg5+ Be7 20.Bxe7+ Kxe7 21.Qh4+ Kf8 22.Rf1++-;
D4c) 13...Ng4 14.Qd4 '!' Qxd4 15.cxd4 b6 *(15...a6 16.Nb5 Kf7 17.h3 Nh6 18.h4+-; 15...Kf7 16.Nb5 a5 17.h4 h5?! 18.Bd3 Rh6 19.0-0+-)* 16.Nb5 Kd8 17.Ng5 Nh6 18.Nc7 Bb7 *(18...Rb8 19.Bd3 a5 20.Nxh7 Rxh7 21.Bxg6 Rh8 22.Bg5+ Be7 23.Bxe7#)* 19.Nxa8 Bxa8 20.Rxa7 Bc6 21.Ra6 Nh4 22.Rxb6]

[9...Qh4+ 10.g3
A) 10...Qf6 11.Nf3 e5 12.f5
A1) 12...Qxd6 13.fxg6 Qxg6 14.Nbd2 Bc5 *(14...d6 15.Bb5+ Bd7 16.Bxd7+ Kxd7 17.0-0±)* 15.Nxe5±;
A2) 12...Bxd6?? 13.Bg5+-;
B) 10...Qd8 11.Nf3!? f6 12.f5 exf5 13.exf5 Ne5 14.Nxe5 fxe5 15.Qh5++-]

[9...Nf6 10.e5 Nd5 *(10...Ne4 11.Nf3±)* 11.c4!?
A) 11...Ndxf4 12.Nf3 f6 13.Nc3 fxe5 *(13...Nxe5? 14.Bxf4+-)* 14.g3± Nh5? 15.Nb5 Nf6 16.Ng5 h6 17.Bd3 *(17.Nc7+ Qxc7 18.dxc7 hxg5±)* 17...Ne7 *(17...e4 18.Nxe4 Ne5 19.0-0 h5 20.Nc7+ Kf7 21.Nxa8+-)* 18.Qc2 e4 19.Bxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Nf5 21.Nc7+ Kf7 22.Nxa8+-;
B) 11...Nb4 12.Nc3 a5 *(12...f6 13.Nb5 Kf7 14.Nc7 Rb8 15.Nf3± a6 16.f5 exf5? 17.c5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5+ fxe5 19.Qh5+ g6 20.Bc4+ Kg7 21.Qh6+ Kf6 22.Bg5#)* 13.Nb5 Na6 14.Nf3±]

[9...Qf6 10.g3 b6 *(10...e5 11.f5±)* 11.Bg2
A) 11...Bb7 12.e5 Bxg2 13.exf6 Bxh1 14.fxg7?! *(14.Nf3! Nxf6 15.Na3 Rc8 16.Nb5+-)*;
B) 11...e5 12.Qd5 Rb8 13.f5 Bb7 14.Qd3 Qxd6 *(14...Nh4 15.gxh4 Qxh4+ 16.Kf1±)* 15.Qxd6 Bxd6 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.Rxa7 Nf6 18.Nd2±]

[9...f5 10.e5
A) 10...Nh6 11.Nf3 Nh4 12.Na3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 g6 *(13...Qa5 14.Be2 Rb8 15.0-0 g6 16.Be3 Qxc3 17.Nb5 Qb4 18.Bxa7 Ra8 19.Nc7+ Kf7 20.Nxa8+-)* 14.Nb5 Rb8 15.Be3! b6 16.Rxa7 Kf7 17.Bc4 Bg7 18.Bxe6+ Kxe6 19.c4 Kf7 20.e6+ Kg8 21.e7 Qe8 22.Qd5+ Nf7 *(22...Qf7 23.e8Q+)*

23.Nc7+-;

B) 10...Nxe5! 11.fxe5 Qh4+ 12.Kd2 Qf4+ 13.Kc2 Qxe5 14.Na3

B1) 14...Bxd6 15.Nf3 Qc5 16.Nc4 Be7 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Bb6 Qf4 19.g3 Qb8 20.Bd4± Nf6?? *(20...Bf6 21.Bc5)* 21.Be5;

B2) 14...Qxd6 15.Nb5 *(15.Qh5+ g6 16.Qh4↑)* 15...Qxd1+ 16.Kxd1 Kf7 17.Nf3± a6 *(17...Nf6 18.Nc7 Rb8 19.Bf4 d6 20.Ng5+ Ke7 21.Rxa7 e5 22.Na6 exf4 23.Nxb8 Ng4 24.Nh3±)* 18.Nc7 Rb8 19.Bf4 d6 20.Ng5+ Ke7 21.Bc4 e5 22.Nf7 exf4 23.Re1+ Kd7 24.Nxh8 Nh6 25.Nd5 b5 26.Bb3 Bb7 27.Kc2±;

C) 10...b6 11.Qf3 Rb8 12.Rxa7+-]

[9...Nh6 10.h4!?

A) 10...Nxh4 11.Na3 Qa5 12.Rxh4? *(12.Bd2! Bxd6 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.Nxd6+ Qxd6 15.Rxh4±)* 12...Qxc3+ 13.Bd2? *(13.Kf2 Qxa1 14.Nb5 Kd8⩱)* 13...Qg3+ 14.Ke2 Qxh4∓;

B) 10...Qf6 11.g3 b6 12.Bg2 e5 13.h5 Bb7 14.hxg6 Qxg6 15.Ne2! Bxe4 16.f5! Qxf5 *(16...Bxf5 17.Rxh6 gxh6 18.Qd5+-)* 17.Rf1 Qg6 18.Bxe4 Qxe4 19.Na3 f6 20.Bxh6 gxh6 21.Nb5+-]

[9...e5 10.Na3

A) 10...exf4 11.Nf3 Qa5 12.Bb2 Qc5 13.Nb5 Kd8 14.c4 Nf6 *(14...Qe3+ 15.Be2 Qxe4 16.0-0+-)* 15.Bd4 Qb4+ 16.Qd2 Qxd2+ 17.Nxd2+-;

B) 10...Qa5 11.f5 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.Nb5 Qb6 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Nxa8 Qe3+ 16.Ne2 Nf6 17.Qd4+-;

C) 10...Qb6 11.Nb5

C1) 11...Kd8 12.Nf3 exf4 13.h4 h5 14.Qd5 Nh6 15.Qg5+ f6 16.Qxg6 Ng4 17.e5 Qf2+ 18.Kd1 Ne3+ *(18...fxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qg5+ Ke8 21.Qxe5+ Kd8 22.Qg5+ Ke8 23.Nc7+ Kf7 24.Bc4#)* 19.Bxe3 fxe3 20.exf6+-;

C2) 11...Nf6 12.fxe5! Nxe5 13.Qd4! Qxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.e5 Nd5 16.Bc4 Ncb4 17.Nh3! a5 *(17...Nc2+ 18.Kf2 Nxa1 19.Bxd5 Rb8 20.Nc7+ Kd8 21.Ng5! Bxd6 22.exd6 Rf8 23.Re1 h6 24.Re8+! Rxe8 25.Nxf7#)* 18.Bxd5 Nc2+ *(18...Nxd5 19.Nf4! Nxf4 20.Bxf4+-)* 19.Kd1 Nxa1 20.Nc7+ Kd8 21.Ng5 Bxd6 22.exd6 Rf8 23.Re1+-;

D) 10...Nxf4 11.Nf3 Ne6 12.Bc4 a6 *(12...f6 13.Nb5 a6 14.Bxe6 dxe6 15.Nc7+ Kf7 16.Nxa8+-; 12...Nf6 13.Nb5 Qb6 14.Rb1 Qc5 15.Bxe6 dxe6 16.Ng5!+-)* 13.Bxe6 dxe6 14.Nb5 axb5 15.Rxa8 Nf6 16.0-0+- Bxd6 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 18.Qxd6]

10.Be3 Nh6

[10...b6 11.Na3 Kf7 *(11...Bb7 12.f5 Ne5 13.Nb5 Bxe4 14.fxe6 dxe6 15.Nf3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Kf7 17.f4 Nc6 18.f5)* 12.f5 Ne5 13.Nb5 Bb7 14.Nf3± Bxe4? 15.Nxe5+ fxe5 16.Qh5+ g6 17.fxe6+ dxe6 18.Qxe5 Nf6 19.Bc4 Bd5 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.0-0+-]

[10...a6 11.Na3 Rb8 12.f5 Ne5 13.Nc4 Nxc4 14.Qh5+ g6 15.fxg6 Bg7 16.gxh7+ Kf8 17.Bxc4+-]

11.Na3 Kf7 12.h4 Rg8 13.h5 Chapter-Games Game 1 13...Nh8 14.Nb5 b6 15.f5 Bb7 16.Nc7 Bxe4 17.fxe6+ dxe6 18.Nxa8 Qxa8 19.Bxb6+-

[88] **6...Na6?!** 7.Bb5+! Bd7 8.Bxd7+ Qxd7 9.Nf3 f6
[9...e6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Qa4+ Kd8 12.Bf4±]
10.exd5 Qxd5
[10...Nc7 11.c4 b5 12.Bf4! bxc4 13.Bxc7 Qxc7 14.Ra6±]
11.0-0 Nc7 12.Re1 Qc6
[12...e6 13.Bf4 Nb5 14.Qd3 Rc8 15.Ra4 Qd7 16.Ra2 Qd5 17.Rxe6+ Qxe6 18.Re2+-]
13.Na3 b5
[13...e6 14.c4 Kf7 15.Qb3⩲]
14.Qb3 a6 15.c4 Rd8 16.Bd2! e6 17.Ba5

[89] Smerdon, David: 'The weaker' **7.e5** Smerdon, David: 'was analysed in the notes to Shchukin-Malina.' 7...Bf5 Gary Lane: 'seems a better choice because the e-pawn really does make it a French pawn structure where the light-squared bishop is locked in behind his own pawns Lane,Gary: 'seems a better choice because the e-pawn really does make it a French pawn structure where the light-squared bishop is locked in behind his own pawns"

[90] **8.Na3** Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: '!?" Smerdon, David: '⩲' Smerdon, David: 'Time to take stock. This a reasonably important position, both for 2. a3 and for the Wing Gambit proper, as Black can easily arrive here just by playing natural moves. White has lost a pawn, to be sure, but has the a- and b-files to work with. Meanwhile, White also has a lead in development and the potential to increase it, thanks to the slightly awkward position of the black queen. With weaknesses on c7 and f7, among other squares, the position is quite precarious for Black.' ΔNb5 spells a danger for Black and must be avoided. '!' Gotham: 'Now Black can play a few things' Heading to b5 . '!'
[8.Nf3 e6 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Na3 0-0 12.Bf4 Bd7 13.Nc4 Qh5 14.Be2 Qf5 15.Bg3 Nd5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Ne3 Qg6 18.Rab1 b6 19.c4 Nxe3 20.fxe3 Bf6 21.Bd3 Qh5 22.Rb5 Qg4 23.Bf2 Nxd4 24.exd4 Bxb5 25.cxb5 Rac8 26.Qe3 Rd5 27.h3 Qh5 28.Rc1 Rcd8 29.Rc7 R5d7 30.Rxd7 Rxd7 31.Qe4 g6 32.Qc6 Qd5 33.Be4 Qd6 34.Ne5 Bxe5 35.dxe5 Qd1+ 36.Kh2 h6 37.Bh4 g5 38.Bg3 Kg7 39.Bc2 Qd4 40.Qf3 Rc7 41.Be4 Rc1 42.h4 Rc4 43.Qf6+ Kg8 44.Bg6 fxg6 45.Qxg6+ Kf8 46.Qxh6+ Ke7 47.Qxg5+ Kd7 48.Qg7+ Kc8 49.Qg8+ Kb7 50.Qxe6 a5 51.Qf7+ Rc7 52.Qf3+ Ka7 53.e6 Rh7 54.Kh3 Qc4 55.Qf6 ChessBase II: '?' *(55.Qc6* ChessBase II: '⩱' *)* 55...Qxb5 56.Qf8 Qd3 ChessBase II: '∓' 57.Kh2 Qe4 58.Qc8 Qb7 59.Qd8 Qe4 60.Qd6 Ka6 61.Bf2 Rxh4+ ½-½ (61) Ivanov,A (2281)-Muse,D (2275) Teplice CZE 1999 Chess Informant [Dragan Solak]]
8...Bf5

[8...Bd7
A) 9.Nf3 Sam Collins: 'is simple and good, for example'
A1) 9...Nf6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: '="
A1a) 10.Nb5
A1a1) 10...Qe6+ 11.Be2!? Rc8 12.c4 Qf5 13.0-0⩲;
A1a2) 10...Qe4+ 11.Be3! Rc8 *(11...Nd5 12.Ng5 Qg6 13.Bc4 Nd8 14.0-0⩱)* 12.Nxa7! Nxa7 13.Rxa7 Ng4 14.Bd3 Nxe3 15.Bxe4 Nxd1 16.Bxb7**±**;
A1a3) 10...Rc8 11.c4
A1a31) 11...Qe4+ 12.Be2
A1a311) 12...a6 13.Nc3 Qg4 14.0-0 e6 15.Rb1 Rb8 *(15...Nb4? 16.Ne5 Qf5 17.Rxb4 Bxb4 18.g4 Nxg4 19.Bxg4 Qf6 20.Nd5!+-)* 16.d5 Nb4 17.dxe6 Bxe6 *(17...fxe6 18.Ne5 Qf5 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.Bg4 Qc2 21.Qe1 Qg6 22.Bxe6+-)* 18.Rxb4 Bxb4 19.Qa4+ b5 20.Qxb4 a5 21.Qc5 Rc8 22.Qxb5+ Bd7 23.Qe5+ Qe6 24.Ba3 Qxe5 25.Nxe5+-;
A1a312) 12...Qf5 13.0-0 a6 *(13...e6 14.d5 exd5 15.Re1)* 14.Nc3 h6 *(14...e6?? 15.Nh4+-)* 15.Nh4 Qh7 16.Bd3! g6 17.Rb1 b5 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Re1**±**;
A1a313) 12...Nb4 13.0-0 a6 *(13...Bxb5 14.cxb5 e6 15.Re1 Qc2 16.Rxa7±)* 14.Na3 e6 15.Re1 Qc6 *(15...Be7?! 16.Ne5 0-0? 17.Bg4 Ba4 18.Qd2 Qxg4 19.Nxg4 Nxg4 20.Bb2±)* 16.Ne5 Qa4 17.Qd2 Nc6 *(17...Be7? 18.Bd1 Qa5 19.Nc2 Qb6 20.c5+-)* 18.Nxd7 Nxd7 19.d5;
A1a314) 12...e6 13.0-0 Be7 14.Nc3 Qg4 15.Rb1 b6 16.h3 Qf5 17.Rb5 Qg6 18.Bd3+-;
A1a32) 11...Qh5!? 12.Be2 a6 13.Nc3 e6 14.0-0 Be7 *(14...Bb4 15.Na4 0-0 16.Nb6 Rcd8 17.Ng5 Qg6 18.h4! h6 19.h5 Qf5 20.g4 Nxg4 21.Bxg4 Qf6 22.Nf3 Bc3 23.Rb1±)*
A1a321) 15.Ne5!? Qh4 16.f4↑;
A1a322) 15.Be3 Ng4 *(15...0-0? 16.Ne5 Qf5 17.g4 Nxg4 18.Bxg4 Qf6 19.Nxd7+-)* 16.Bf4 Qf5 17.Qd2↑;
A1a323) 15.Na4!? Rd8 16.Nb6 0-0 17.Bf4**±**;
A1b) 10.Bc4 Qe4+ 11.Be3 Sam Collins: '**±**' Sam Collins: 'is also better for White' Nd5 12.0-0!⩲;
A2) 9...e6 10.Bc4!?
A2a) 10...Qa5 11.Nb5! Qxa1 *(11...Qd8 12.d5; 11...Qb6 12.d5!)* 12.Nc7+ Kd8 13.Bg5+ Kxc7 14.Qxa1**±**;
A2b) 10...Qe4+ 11.Be3 Nf6 12.0-0
A2b1) 12...Bxa3 13.Rxa3 0-0 14.Re1 Nd5 15.Bg5 Qg4 16.h3 Qh5 17.Be2 h6 18.c4 Ndb4 19.Bd2 Rfd8 20.Ne5 Qh4 21.Rg3↑ Nxe5 *(21...Qxd4 22.Bc3 Qxd1 23.Rxd1 Be8 24.Rxg7+!±)* 22.dxe5 Bc6 23.Qc1**±**;

A2b2) 12...Be7 13.Bd3 Qg4 *(13...Qd5 14.Nb5 Rc8 15.c4 Qh5 16.Be2 Ng4 17.Bf4 0-0 18.Ne5 Qf5 19.Bxg4 Qxf4 20.Nxd7 Rfd8 21.Qe2 Rxd7 22.Bxe6±)* 14.Nc4 0-0 15.Qd2 Qh5 *(15...b6? 16.Nfe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qh5 18.Be2 Qh4 19.Bg5 Ne4 20.Bxh4 Nxd2 21.Bxe7 Nxf1 22.Nxd7 Rfe8 23.Bg5 h6 24.Bf4 e5 25.dxe5+-; 15...Ne4 16.Qb2 Rfb8? 17.Nce5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5+-)* 16.Rfb1 b6 17.Nce5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 h6 19.f3!**±**;

A3) 9...Rc8 10.Bc4 Qe4+ 11.Be3 e6 12.0-0

A3a) 12...Be7 13.Bd3↑ Qg4 *(13...Qd5 14.c4 Qh5 15.Be2 Qf5 16.d5 Nb4 17.d6 Bf6 18.Nd4±)* 14.Nc4 Nf6 15.Qd2 0-0 16.Nfe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qh5 18.Be2 Qf5 19.g4+-;

A3b) 12...Bxa3 13.Rxa3

A3b1) 13...Nf6 14.h3!? 0-0 15.Ng5! Qg6 *(15...Qh4 16.g3 Qh5 17.Be2 Qg6 18.Bd3 Qh5 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.Qxh5 Nxh5 21.Bd3±)* 16.Bd3 Qh5 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.Qxh5 Nxh5 19.Bd3**±**;

A3b2) 13...Nge7 14.Bd3 Qg4 *(14...Qd5 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qb1±)* 15.h3 *(15.Qb1±)* 15...Qh5 16.Bf4 0-0 17.Qb1 b6 18.Bd6 Rfe8 19.Ba6 Rcd8 20.Bc7**±**;

A4) 9...e5 Sam Collins: '?!' 10.Bc4 Qe4+ 11.Be3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: ', and just when it looks like White is winning, Black has'

A4a) 11...Nh6 12.Nb5!

A4a1) 12...Nf5 13.0-0! Nxe3 14.fxe3 Qxe3+ 15.Kh1 Rc8 *(15...0-0-0 16.Nxa7+ Nxa7 17.Rxa7)* 16.Bxf7+ Kd8 17.Re1 Qf4 18.dxe5 Qxf7 19.e6 Qe7 20.exd7 Qxd7 21.Qxd7+ Kxd7 22.Rad1++-;

A4a2) 12...Rc8 13.0-0 a6 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Na7! Nxa7 16.Re1 Qg4 17.Qb3 f6 18.Bf7+ Kd8 *(18...Ke7 19.h3 Qg7 20.dxe5+-)* 19.Qb6++-;

A4b) 11...exd4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: '=!' Hansen, Carsten: 'is of course a draw by repetition'' 12.Bxf7+ Sam Collins: '!' Kd8 *(12...Kxf7?? 13.Ng5++-)*

A4b1) 13.cxd4 Nh6 14.Bb3 Bb4+ 15.Kf1 Nf5 16.Bg5+ Kc7 17.Nb5+ Kb8 18.Rc1! Na5 19.Nc3! Bxc3 20.Bc2 Qd5 *(20...Qe6 21.d5 Qa6+ 22.Bd3 Bb5 23.Bf4+ Nd6 24.Rxc3± Bxd3+ 25.Qxd3! Qxd3+ 26.Rxd3 Kc7 27.Rc3+ Kd7 28.Ne5+ Ke8 29.Rc7 Rf8 30.g3+-)* 21.Bf4+ Nd6 22.Be4! Qb5+ 23.Kg1 Bb4 *(23...Qb4 24.Rxc3! Qxc3 25.Bxd6+ Kc8 26.h3 Re8 27.Qb1)* 24.Rb1 Nac4 *(24...Kc7 25.Bd3 Qb6 26.Bd2 Nc6 27.d5±)* 25.Bd3!**⩲**;

A4b2) 13.Nxd4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!?' 13...Qxg2 14.Nxc6+ Qxc6 *(14...bxc6* Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' *15.Rf1* Sam Collins: '**±**' *)* 15.0-0 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Sam Collins: 'and Black was suffering in N.Norbaev - H. Pascua, Johor 2017 (1/2-1/2 in 36).';

B) 9.Nb5 Rc8 10.Nxa7 Nxa7 11.Rxa7 Nf6 ChessBase II: '⇄';

C) 9.Nc4 e6

C1) 10.Nh3 Smerdon, David: 'N' Smerdon, David: 'I quite like this novelty. Suddenly Black's queen is feeling a little uncomfortable.' e5 Sam Collins: '⩲!' Sam Collins: 'V.Dobrov - V.Blom, Split 2013 (1-0 in 35).' Smerdon, David: 'Probably forced.' *(10...Nf6* Smerdon, David: '?!' *11.Nf4 Qe4+ 12.Be3* Smerdon, David: '±' *)* 11.Ne3 *(11.Nb6* Smerdon, David: '!?' Smerdon, David: 'is a little different this time White is playing for an endgame advantage, would you believe!' Schipkov,B: '→' Schipkov,B: 'with a strong attack.' Schipkov,B: 'mit starkem Angriff.' *Qe4+ 12.Qe2 Qxe2+ 13.Bxe2 Rd8 14.Nxd7 Rxd7* Schipkov,B: '∞' *15.dxe5* Smerdon, David: '⩲' Smerdon, David: 'and the two bishops guarantee a solid plus. One important feature is' *Bc5 16.e6* Smerdon, David: '!' *fxe6 17.Ng5* Smerdon, David: 'with strong threats. ' *)* 11...Qd6 12.d5 Nd8 13.Nc4 Qb8 Smerdon, David: '?' Schipkov,B: '=' *(*Schipkov,B: 'Better was' Schipkov,B: 'Vorzuziehen war' *13...Qc7* Schipkov,B: '∓!' *14.f4* Schipkov,B: '∓' *e4* Smerdon, David: 'was an improvement, as the queen defends d7 herself. However,' Schipkov,B: '∓' *15.Ng5* Schipkov,B: '∞' Schipkov,B: 'Interesting is' Schipkov,B: 'Interessant ist' *15...Nf6* Schipkov,B: '!?' *16.d6 Qc6 17.Ra5* Smerdon, David: '±!' Smerdon, David: 'keeps the pressure on.' *)* 14.f4 Smerdon, David: '!' Schipkov,B: '?!' e4 15.Ne5 Bd6 Smerdon, David: '??' Smerdon, David: 'Losing, but is it any wonder Black blunders? The position was already very difficult.' *(15...Nf6 16.Nxd7 Nxd7 17.Bb5 f5 18.Bxd7+ Kxd7 19.Be3* Smerdon, David: '→' Smerdon, David: 'and Black's position is in complete discord.' *)* 16.Nxd7 Kxd7 17.Qg4+ Ke7 18.Nf2 Smerdon, David: '??' Smerdon, David: 'Odd. But at least we get to see a typical position for this line, with 'just-sufficient' compensation that appears quite often in the Wing Gambit.' *(*Smerdon, David: 'I have to assume there was some good reason why the GM eschewed the free rook with' *18.Qxg7* Smerdon, David: ', after which my engine gives +6. Perhaps White missed that after' *Nf6 19.Qxh8 Qc7 20.Bb2 Qb6* Smerdon, David: 'he has' *21.0-0-0* Smerdon, David: '!!' Smerdon, David: 'and, well, that's that.' *)* 18...Nf6 19.Qh4 Kf8 20.Be2 Smerdon, David: '⩱' Smerdon, David: 'So now the game is back on level terms. White has a very active position, the sort that would suit most Wing Gambit players to a tee. However, objectively Black should be okay.' e3 Smerdon, David: '!' 21.Nd3 Smerdon, David: '?!' *(21.Bxe3 Nxd5 22.Bd4 Nxf4 23.Bf3* Smerdon, David: '⩱!' *)* 21...Nxd5 22.c4 Smerdon, David: '?' Nb4 Smerdon, David: '?' Smerdon, David: 'A game of errors!' Schipkov,B: '?' *(22...Qc7* Smerdon, David: '∓!' *)* 23.0-0 Nc2 Smerdon, David: '?' Smerdon, David: 'I should say, these positions are severely complicated and incredibly unorthodox, so I can't blame either player for the inaccuracies! However, this really is the last straw for Black: a bunch of black pieces are misplaced on the last rank, while the c2 knight has started its own adventure. Meanwhile, all of White's pieces are ready to strike.' *(23...Nxd3 24.Bxd3* Schipkov,B: '±!' *Bc5* Smerdon, David: '∞' *)* 24.Ra2 Nd4 25.f5 Nxe2+ 26.Rxe2 h6 27.Rxe3 Nc6 28.c5

Schipkov,B: '=' Schipkov,B: 'White consolidates his position.' Schipkov,B: 'Weiß konsolidiert seine Stellung.' Be7 Smerdon, David: '?' 29.Rxe7 Smerdon, David: '!' Smerdon, David: 'White finishes in style.' Nxe7 30.f6 gxf6 31.Qxf6 Rh7 32.Ne5 Qe8 Schipkov,B: '?!' 33.Qd6 Kg8 34.Nd7 Qd8 35.Bb2 1-0 (35) Fabra,N (2537)-Pogosian,V (2184) Salzburg (01) 2013 200 Traps In The Opening [BCCA Magazine no 13 (Nov 1912) p124];

C2) Smerdon, David: 'Previously seen was' 10.Nb6 Qe4+ 11.Be3 Rd8 12.Nxd7 Rxd7 13.Nf3 Nf6 14.Bd3 Qd5 15.0-0 Be7 16.c4 Qd6 Smerdon, David: 'and now instead of 17.d5? as in Damia, A (2263)-Bagaturov, G (2474)/San Nicola Arcella 2007 (0-1, 37) , White could have kept an edge with' 17.c5 Smerdon, David: '!' Qd5 18.Ne5 Smerdon, David: '±!';

C3) 10.Nf3 Smerdon, David: '±' Smerdon, David: 'is of course also possible. So many choices!' 10...Be7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' 11.Bd3 Rd8 12.Bf4 Bc8 13.Ne3 Qd7 14.Bb5 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '→' Qxd6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten' 16.Rxa7 Sam Collins: '±' Sam Collins: 'and White regained his pawn with a better position in J.Pechac - Q. Lee, Poprad 2016 (0-1 in 37).']

[8...e5 Challenging White's center isn't the best idea... '?!' '?!' 9.Nb5 Threatening a royal fork on c7 . '!'

A) 9...Bd6 Preventing a fork on c7 . An intuitive but poor move.

A1) 10.Qf3 '!?'

A1a) 10...Be6 '?' 11.Qxd5 Bxd5 12.Nxd6+;

A1b) 10...Qe6 '?' 11.Bc4 Qe7 12.Nxd6+ Qxd6 13.Qxf7+ Kd8 14.Qxg7 '+-';

A1c) 10...e4 '!' 11.Nxd6+ Qxd6 12.Qxe4+ Nge7 13.Ba3 Bf5 *(13...Qc7 14.Ne2 Bf5 15.Qf4* '±' *)* 14.Bxd6 Bxe4 15.Kd2 '±';

A1d) 10...Qxf3 '?' 11.Nxd6+ Kd7 12.Nxf3 Kxd6 13.Ba3+

A1d1) 13...Kc7 14.d5 e4 *(14...Nce7* '??' *15.d6+; 14...Nd8 15.Bf8* '+-' *)* 15.Ng5 Ne5 16.Bf8 h6 17.Bxg7 Ng6 18.Nxe4 '+-';

A1d2) 13...Kd5 14.dxe5 '!?' Nxe5 15.Rd1+ Ke4 16.Rd4+ Kf5 17.g4+ Nxg4 18.Bd3+ Kf6 19.Rf4+ Ke6 20.Rxg4 '+-';

A1d3) 13...Ke6 14.d5+ '!' Kxd5 15.Rd1+

A1d31) 15...Ke4 16.Rd6 Nf6 *(16...Bg4 17.Bd3+ Kf4 18.Bc1#)* 17.Bd3+ Kf4 18.Bc1+ Kg4 19.h3+ Kh5 20.Be2 Kg6 *(20...Rd8 21.Nxe5+ Ng4 22.hxg4#; 20...g5 21.Rxf6* '+-' *)* 21.Nh4#;

A1d32) 15...Ke6 16.Rd6+ Kf5 *(16...Ke7 17.Rxc6+* '+-' *)* 17.g4+

A1d321) 17...Kf4 18.Bc1+ Kxf3 *(18...Kxg4 19.Rg1+ Kxf3 20.Rg3+ Ke4 21.Bd3#)* 19.Rg1 Bxg4 20.Bg2#;

A1d322) 17...Ke4 18.Bc1 Bxg4 19.Bd3+ Kxf3 20.Rg1;

A1d323) 17...Kxg4 18.Rg1+ Kxf3 19.Be2+ Kf4 *(19...Ke4 20.Bd3+ Kf3 21.Rg3+ Kf4 22.Bc1#)* 20.Bc1+ Kf5 21.Rg5+ Ke4 22.f3# De Vilder,H-Markus,R Game - 7 200 Traps In The Opening

[John Watson];

A2) 10.Bc4 Attacking the Queen. '!'

A2a) 10...Qxg2 '?' 11.Nxd6+ Kd7 *(11...Kf8 12.Qf3 Qxf3 13.Nxf3* '+-'*; 11...Ke7 12.Qf3 Qxf3 13.Nxc8+ Rxc8 14.Nxf3* '+-' *)* 12.dxe5 Qxh1 13.Kf1 Ke7 14.Nxc8+ Rxc8 15.Ba3+ Ke8 16.Qb3 '+-' Rc7 *(16...Nh6 17.Bxf7+* '!' *Nxf7 18.Qe6+ Kd8 19.Rd1+ Kc7 20.Bd6+* '+-' *)* 17.Bd5 Qxh2 18.Bxc6+ Rxc6 19.Qxb7 Rxc3 20.Rd1 '+-';

A2b) 10...Qe4+ Black has to give a check because the Bishop on d6 is hanging... 10...Qxc4 fails to 11.Nxd6 ĊĊStartBracketĊĊ+11. 5ĊĊEndBracketĊĊ. 11.Ne2 11.Be2 is less good because you want the Bishop on c4 to keep an eye on f7 . And note that Black has to bring his Bishop on d6 to safety while keeping c7 protected. White's dark-squared Bishop ideally occupies the a3 - f8 diagonal instead of acting like a tall pawn on e3 Bb8 Saving the Bishop while still defending c7 . *(11...Bg4* '??' *12.Nxd6+)*

A2b1) 12.0-0

A2b11) 12...exd4 '?' 13.Re1 Nge7 *(13...Be6 14.Nexd4 Qg6 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Rxe6+* '+-' *)* 14.Nexd4 Qg4 15.Ba3 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 Ne5 *(16...0-0 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Rxe7* '+-' *)* 17.Nf3 N5g6 *(17...Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Rxe6* '+-' *)* 18.Ng5 0-0 19.Bxe7 '+-';

A2b12) 12...Nge7 13.Ng3

A2b121) 13...Qg6 14.d5 Nd8 15.d6 Nec6 16.Nc7+ Bxc7 17.dxc7 Ne6 18.Bd3 f5 *(18...Qf6 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Ba3 Qxc7 21.Nd6+* '+-' *)* 19.Bxf5 Qf7 20.Ba3 Nxc7 21.Ne4 Nb5 22.Bxc8 Rxc8 23.Qa4 Nxc3 *(23...a6 24.c4* '+-' *)* 24.Nxc3 '+-';

A2b122) 13...Qg4 14.f3 Qg6 15.d5

A2b1221) 15...Na5 16.Qa4 '!' Nxc4 17.Nd6+ Kd8 18.Nxc4 '!' Qa6 19.Qb4 '!'

A2b12211) 19...Qxa1 20.Ba3 Qxa3 *(20...Qxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Ng6 22.Ne4* '+-' *)* 21.Qxa3 b5 22.Nb6 '+-';

A2b12212) 19...Nxd5 20.Rd1 Qc6 21.Ra5 Be6 22.Nf5 '+-';

A2b1222) 15...Nd8 16.d6 Nec6 17.f4 '!' 0-0 *(17...e4 18.f5 Qf6 19.Nxe4 Qe5 20.d7+ Bxd7 21.Nbd6+ Bxd6 22.Nxd6+ Kf8 23.Ba3* '+-'*; 17...exf4 18.Bd3 f5 19.Re1+ Kf7 20.Bc4+ Be6 21.Rxe6 Nxe6 22.Nh5 a6 23.Nxf4 axb5 24.Nxg6 Rxa1 25.Nxh8+ Kf6 26.Bxe6 Kxe6 27.Qb3+ Kd7 28.Qb2 Ra5 29.Nf7* '+-' *)* 18.f5 Qf6 19.Nh5 Qh4 20.Ra4 Kh8 21.Be2 e4 22.g3 Qh3 23.Bg4 '+-';

A2b123) 13...Qh4 14.Ra4 '!'

A2b1231) 14...0-0 '?' 15.dxe5 *(15.d5 Nd8 16.Bd3* '+-' *)* 15...Kh8 16.Ba2 '+-';

A2b1232) 14...e4 15.d5 Ne5 16.d6 N7g6 17.Bxf7+ '!' Kxf7 18.Qd5+ Kf8 19.Rxe4 Qf6 20.f4 Nd7 21.Ba3 Qf7 22.f5 '+-';
A2b1233) 14...Qg4 15.Qb3 0-0 16.d5 Nd8 17.d6 Nec6 18.Bxf7+ Rxf7 19.Rxg4 '+-';
A2b1234) 14...Qf6 15.d5 Nd8 16.d6 Nec6 17.Ba3 Bd7 18.Nc7+ Bxc7 19.dxc7 Ne6 20.Ne4 '+-';
A2b1235) 14...exd4 15.Nxd4 '!'
A2b12351) 15...Nxd4 16.Bb5+ Kf8 *(16...Nxb5 17.Rxh4 Nxc3 18.Qd3* '+-' *)* 17.Rxd4 '+-';
A2b12352) 15...Qf6 16.Nh5 Qg6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Re1 Bg4 19.Bxf7+ Qxf7 20.Rxg4 Qxh5 21.Rxe7+ '+-';
A2b13) 12...Nf6 13.Ba3 '!'
A2b131) 13...exd4 '?' 14.Nexd4 '+-';
A2b132) 13...Be6 14.Ng3 *(14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Bd6* '**±**' *)*
A2b1321) 14...Qg6 15.d5 '+-';
A2b1322) 14...Qh4 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Qb3 Kf7 *(16...Nd8 17.dxe5 Nd5 18.Nf5 exf5 19.Qxd5* '+-'*; 16...Nd5 17.Nf5* '+-!' *)* 17.Nf5 '+-';
A2b1323) 14...Qf4 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Qb3 '+-' Nd8 *(16...Nd5 17.c4 Nb6 18.Bc5 Nd7 19.Nc7+* '!' *Bxc7 20.Qxb7* '+-' *)* 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.Rfe1 '!' Ng4 19.Nd6+ '!' Bxd6 20.Rxe6+ '!' Nxe6 21.Qxe6+ Kd8 22.Rd1 '+-!';
A2b133) 13...a6 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Bxd6 Ng4 *(15...Be6 16.Ng3 Qg4 17.f3 Qg6 18.d5* '+-'*; 15...Kd7 16.Ng3 Qg4 17.Be2 Qe6 18.dxe5 Nd5 19.Bg4* '+-'*; 15...exd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Re1* '+-' *)* 16.Ng3 Qg6 17.dxe5 Be6 18.Bxe6
A2b1331) 18...Qxe6 19.Ne4 Ngxe5 *(19...0-0-0 20.Qb1 Qh6 21.e6* '+-!' *)* 20.Nc5 Qg4 21.Qb3 '+-';
A2b1332) 18...fxe6 19.Qb3 b5 20.Rxa6 '!' Rxa6 21.Qxb5 Ra7 22.Qxc6+ Kf7 23.Qf3+ Nf6 *(23...Ke8 24.Bc5 Nxe5 25.Qe2 Rd7 26.Qxe5* '+-' *)* 24.exf6 gxf6 25.Re1 '+-';
A2b14) 12...a6 13.f4 '!'
A2b141) 13...axb5 14.Rxa8 bxc4 15.d5 Nge7 *(15...Nce7* '?' *16.Rxb8* '+-' *)* 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.Nd4 '!' Nxd4 18.Re1 Qc6 19.Rxb8 Ne6 20.f5 Nc5 21.Rxe5+ '+-';
A2b142) 13...Nge7 14.fxe5 0-0 15.Nd6 Bxd6 16.exd6 Ng6 17.Ng3 Qh4 18.Bxf7+ '!' Rxf7 19.Rxf7 Kxf7 20.Qb3+ Ke8 21.Qg8+ Kd7 22.Qxg7+ '+-';
A2b143) 13...exd4 14.Nexd4 Nge7 15.Re1 Qg6 16.Ba3 0-0 *(16...axb5* '??' *17.Nxc6* '+-' *)* 17.Nxc6 Nxc6 *(17...axb5* '??' *18.Nxe7+; 17...Qxc6 18.Bxe7 Qxc4 19.Bxf8 Be6 20.Nd4 Ba7 21.Bb4 Rd8 22.Qd2* '+-' *)* 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qd5 Be6 20.Qc5+ Kg8 21.f5 Qh5 22.g3 h6 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Rxe6 '+-';

A2b2) 12.Qb3 Attacking f7 . White has the initiative in this crazy position. The engine likes it, and White has almost 80% winrate in practice CCStartBracketCC+3.5CCEndBracketCC. Sicilian Defense,O-Sicilian Defense,M;

B) 9...Qd8 10.d5 '+-'

B1) 10...Nce7 11.d6 Nc6 *(11...Nf6 12.Nc7+ Kd7 13.dxe7+ Kxe7 14.Ba3+ Qd6 15.Qxd6#)* 12.Nc7+ Kd7 13.Ba3 '+-!' '+-' Rb8 *(13...Nh6 14.Nxa8 b6 15.Nc7* '+-'*; 13...Nf6 14.Bb5 Rb8 15.Qd3 g6 16.Qh3+ Ng4 17.Qxg4+ f5 18.Qb4 Bg7 19.Bxc6+* '+-' *)* 14.Qg4+ f5 15.Qxf5#;

B2) 10...a5

B2a) 11.Nf3 '!' Nb8 *(11...e4 12.Bf4 exf3 13.Nc7+ Ke7 14.Qxf3 Rb8 15.Qe3+ Be6 16.Nxe6* '+-'*; 11...Bc5 12.dxc6 Qxd1+ 13.Kxd1 Ke7 14.Nxe5 f6 15.Nd3* '+-' *)* 12.d6 Na6 13.Nxe5 Be6 14.Qa4 Bd7 15.Bc4 '+-';

B2b) 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.Na3 '+-';

B3) 10...a6 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.Na3 Nf6 14.Nf3 e4 15.Ne5 Be6 16.Nxc6+ Kc7 17.Nd4 '+-';

B4) 10...Na5 11.d6

B4a) 11...Bf5 12.Nc7+ Kd7 13.Rxa5

B4a1) 13...Bxd6 14.Nb5 Ke6 *(14...Ke7 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 16.Ba3* '+-' *)* 15.Bc4+ Kf6 16.Qxd6+ '+-';

B4a2) 13...Rc8 '?' 14.Bb5#;

B4b) 11...Bxd6 12.Nxd6+ Kf8 *(12...Ke7 13.Ba3* '+-' *)* 13.Qd5 Be6 14.Qxa5 '+-';

B4c) 11...Qb6 12.Nc7+ Kd8 13.Nxa8 '+-';

B5) 10...Bc5 11.Nf3 '!?' e4 12.Ng5

B5a) 12...Nb8 13.Nxe4 Nd7 14.Nxc5 Nxc5 15.Qd4 Qe7+ 16.Be3 Nd7 17.Nc7+ '+-';

B5b) 12...Nf6 13.dxc6 Bxf2+ *(13...Qxd1+ 14.Kxd1 0-0 15.Ba3* '+-' *)* 14.Kxf2 Qxd1 15.Nc7+ Kd8 16.Nxf7+ Kxc7 17.Bf4+ '+-';

B5c) 12...e3 13.Bxe3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Qxg5 *(14...Nb8 15.Ne4 Nh6 16.Nbd6+ Ke7 17.Bb5* '+-' *)* 15.dxc6 Qxe3+ 16.Be2 Qe7 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Rxa7 '!' Rb8 *(18...Rxa7 19.Nxc8 Qf6 20.Nxa7* '+-' *)* 19.Nxc8 Rxc8 20.cxb7 Rb8 21.Ra8 Qe8 22.Qd6+ Ne7 23.Rxb8 '+-';

B6) 10...Nb8 11.d6 '+-' Na6 *(11...Bd7 12.Nc7+; 11...Bxd6 12.Nxd6+ Kf8 13.Ba3 Ne7 14.Bc4 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Qf3+ Nf5 17.Nxb7+* '+-' *)* 12.Nf3

B6a) 12...Rb8 13.Rxa6 '!' bxa6 14.Nc7+ Kd7 15.Nxe5#;

B6b) 12...Bg4 13.Rxa6 '!' bxa6 14.Nc7+ Kd7 15.Nxe5+ Kc8 16.Bxa6+;

B6c) 12...e4 13.Rxa6 '!' exf3 *(13...bxa6 14.Nc7+ Kd7 15.Ne5#)* 14.Nc7+ Kd7 15.Bb5#;

B6d) 12...Bd7 13.Rxa6 Rc8 *(13...e4 14.Nc7+* '+-'*; 13...bxa6 14.Nc7+ Qxc7 15.dxc7* '+-' *)* 14.Rxa7 Qb6 *(14...Nf6 15.Nxe5 Rc5 16.Nc7+ Rxc7*

17.dxc7 Qxc7 18.Ra8+ '+-' *)* 15.Be3 Qd8 16.Nxe5 Nf6 17.Rxb7 '+-';

C) 9...exd4 '??' 10.Nc7+;

D) 9...Qd7 10.d5

D1) 10...Bc5 11.dxc6 Bxf2+ 12.Ke2 Qxd1+ 13.Kxd1 Bg4+ 14.Nf3 0-0-0+ 15.Ke2 Bc5 16.Be3 '+-';

D2) 10...Nce7 11.Nf3 '!' Ng6 *(11...Nf5 12.Nxe5 Qe7 13.Bf4 g5 14.d6 Nxd6 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.Bb5+ Ke7 17.Nc6+* '+-' *)* 12.Qa4 Kd8 13.Be3 Bd6 14.Ng5 Bb8 15.g3 Nf6 16.Bh3 Ng4 17.f3 '+-';

D3) 10...Nd8 11.Qa4 Bc5 12.Nc7+ Kf8 13.Qxd7 Bxd7 14.Nxa8 Nf6 15.c4 Bd4 16.Ra2 Ne4 17.Nf3 '+-';

D4) 10...Nb8 11.d6 Na6 12.Nf3 f6 13.Ba3 Nh6 14.Bc4 Nf5 15.0-0 '+-' g6 16.Re1 Bg7 17.Qb3 b6 18.Nfd4 Bb7 19.Be6 Qd8 20.Bf7+ Kf8 21.Ne6+ Kxf7 22.Ng5+ Kf8 23.Qf7#;

D5) 10...a6 11.dxc6 Qxd1+ *(11...bxc6 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.Na3* '+-' *)* 12.Kxd1 Bg4+ 13.Ke1 '!?' 0-0-0 14.Na7+ Kb8 15.Be3 '+-';

E) 9...Qe4+ 10.Be2 '!' *(10.Ne2 Rb8 11.d5 a6 12.dxc6 Qxc6 13.Na7* '+-' *)*

E1) 10...Kd7 11.dxe5+ Ke6 *(11...Nd4 12.cxd4 Qxg2 13.Bf3 Qg6 14.Qa4* '+-' *)* 12.Nf3 '+-';

E2) 10...Qxg2 11.Bf3 Qg6 12.dxe5 '!' Rb8 '??' *(12...Be7 13.Nc7+ Kf8 14.Nxa8 Nxe5 15.Nc7 Nd3+ 16.Kf1* '+-' *)* 13.Nc7+ Ke7 14.Ba3+ '+-';

E3) 10...Rb8 11.dxe5

E3a) 11...Qxg2 '??' 12.Nc7+ Ke7 13.Qd6#;

E3b) 11...Bd7 12.Nf3 Nxe5 13.0-0 a6 14.Ra4 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Qg6 16.Re1+ Be7 17.Nc7+ Kd8 18.Rd4 Nf6 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.Rxd5 Qc6 21.Bg4 '+-';

E3c) 11...Be7 12.Nf3

E3c1) 12...Nh6 13.Nc7+ Kf8 14.Nd5 Nxe5 *(14...Bc5 15.0-0 Bf5 16.Nf6* '+-!' *)* 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Bf4 Qe4 17.Nxe7 '!' f6 18.Bd6 '+-';

E3c2) 12...a6 13.Ra4 Qg6 14.Nh4 '!' Bxh4 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Rxh4 Nge7 17.0-0 Nxe5 18.Ba3 '+-!';

E3c3) 12...Bf5 13.0-0 a6 *(13...Rd8 14.Nbd4 Nxe5 15.Ra5 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Rxd4 17.cxd4 Qd3 18.Rxa7* '+-' *)* 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 Nf6 16.d7+ '!' Bxd7 17.Bd3 Qg4 18.Re1+ Be6 19.Ra4 Qh5 20.Ba3 '+-';

E3d) 11...Bc5 12.Nf3 Nh6 *(12...Nge7 13.Ra4* '!' *Qg6 14.Nh4 Qb1 15.Bd3* '+-'*; 12...Kf8 13.Nd6 Qg6 14.0-0* '+-' *)* 13.Ra4 Qf5 *(13...Qg6 14.Nh4 Qb1 15.Bd3 Bg4 16.f3* '+-' *)* 14.Be3 Be7 15.Nc7+ Kf8 16.0-0 '+-' Ng4 17.Rf4 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Qd7 19.Rxf7+ Kg8 20.Bc4 '+-';

E3e) 11...Qxe5 12.Nf3 Qe7 13.Bf4 '+-';

F) 9...Kd8 10.Bg5+ *(10.Nf3 exd4 11.Ra4* '!' *Bg4 12.Nbxd4 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Bc5 14.Bc4 Qe5+ 15.Be3* '±'*; 10.Be3* '!?' *exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Be6 13.Ra5* '±' *)* 10...Be7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '=' *(10...f6 11.dxe5 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1+ Ke7 13.exf6+ Nxf6 14.Nc7 Rb8 15.Bc4* '±' *)* 11.dxe5 Qxd1+ Ftacnik,Lubomir: '=' 12.Rxd1+ Bd7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '=!' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'is of course a draw by

repetition' 13.Bf4 Sam Collins: '⩲' Sam Collins: 'with the initiative in E.Vasiukov - M.Wahlbom, Sabadell 2017 (1-0 in 26).' '!' a6 14.e6 '!' Nf6 *(14...fxe6* '?!' *15.Nc7 Rc8 16.Nxe6+ Ke8 17.Nxg7+ Kd8 18.Ne6+ Ke8 19.Nc7+ Kd8 20.Nd5* '**±**'*; 14...axb5 15.Rxd7+ Kc8 16.Bxb5 Ra1+ 17.Ke2 Bd8 18.exf7 Nh6 19.Rd1 Rxd1 20.Kxd1 Nxf7 21.Nf3* '**±**' *)* 15.exd7 axb5 16.Bxb5 Nxd7 17.Nf3 '**±**']

[8...Qe4+ '?!'

A) 9.Ne2

A1) 9...Bg4? 10.f3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Qxf3 12.Rg1 e5 13.Bg2 Qh5 14.Qa4 e4 15.Bxe4+-;

A2) 9...a6 10.Nb5 Kd8 *(10...Rb8 11.Nc7+ Kd8 12.Bf4±)* 11.f3

A2a) 11...Qg6 12.Nf4 Qf6 13.Nc7 Rb8 *(13...Kxc7 14.Nd5+)* 14.Qb3 e6 15.Qb6 Kd7 16.Bc4! Bd6 17.Nfxe6 fxe6 18.Bxe6+ Ke7 19.Bxc8+-;

A2b) 11...Qd5 12.Nf4 Qd7 13.Be3 *(13.d5 e5 14.Be3!±)* 13...Na7 *(13...e6 14.d5 exd5 15.Bb6+ Ke8 16.Nc7++-)* 14.Nxa7 Rxa7 15.Bc4 Nh6 *(15...e6 16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5+-)* 16.d5;

A2c) 11...Qh4+ 12.g3 Qf6 13.Bf4**±**;

A3) 9...e5 10.Nb5 Kd8 *(10...exd4 11.Nc7+)* 11.dxe5+ *(11.d5!? Nce7 12.Nd6 Qg6 13.Nc4±)* 11...Bd7 12.Bg5+! f6 13.Be3 Nxe5 *(13...Qxe5 14.Nf4±)* 14.Ng3 Qc6 15.Nxa7 Rxa7 *(15...Qe6 16.Nc6++-)* 16.Rxa7 Qxc3+ 17.Bd2 Qc5 18.Ra8+ Kc7 19.Be2+-;

A4) 9...e6 10.Nb5

A4a) 10...Kd7? 11.f3 Qd5 12.Nf4 Qg5 13.d5;

A4b) 10...Kd8 11.f3 Qd5 12.Nf4 Qd7 13.d5! exd5 *(13...Nf6 14.dxc6 Qxd1+ 15.Kxd1 bxc6 16.Na3 Bd6 17.Nc4 Bc7 18.Nd3 Bd7 19.Nde5±)* 14.Nxd5 Bc5 *(14...Nge7 15.Bg5 f6 16.Ndc7 Nd5 17.Nxd5 fxg5 18.Nb6 axb6 19.Rxa8+-)* 15.Ra2 a6 16.Bf4! axb5 17.Rxa8 Nge7 18.Bc7+ Ke8 19.Bb6 Nxd5 20.Bxc5**±** Nxc3? 21.Qd2! Nd5 *(21...Na4 22.Qe3+ Kd8 23.Rxa4+-)* 22.Rxc8+ Qxc8 23.Qxd5+-;

A4c) 10...Rb8 11.f3 *(11.Bf4!±; 11.Be3!?)* 11...Qh4+ 12.g3

A4c1) 12...Qd8 13.Bf4 Be7 *(13...e5 14.dxe5 Qxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Bc5 16.Ned4±)* 14.Bxb8 Nxb8 15.Nxa7**±**;

A4c2) 12...Qf6 13.d5 Ne5 *(13...Qxf3?? 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.dxc6+ Kxc7 16.Bf4+)* 14.Ned4 a6 15.f4!? *(15.dxe6 Bc5 16.Nc7+ Kf8±)* 15...axb5 *(15...Nd7 16.dxe6 axb5 17.f5! Bd6 18.Bxb5 fxe6 19.fxe6 Ne7 20.Ra2!+-)* 16.fxe5 Qxe5+ 17.Kf2 Qxd5? *(17...Bd6 18.Bxb5+ Kf8 19.dxe6 Bxe6 20.Re1 Qf6+ 21.Kg1 Bc5 22.Be3±)* 18.Bxb5+ Bd7 19.c4 Qc5 *(19...Qd6 20.Bf4 e5 21.Bxe5+-)* 20.Bxd7+ Kxd7 21.Ra5!? *(21.Ba3 Qxc4 22.Bxf8+-)* 21...Qb6 22.Qa4++-;

A5) 9...Nf6 10.Nb5

A5a) 10...Rb8

A5a1) 11.Bf4 e5? *(11...Qf5 12.Bxb8 Qxb5±)* 12.dxe5 Nd5? 13.Qxd5;

A5a2) 11.f3! Qf5 12.Ng3 Qd7 13.Bf4 e5 14.dxe5 Qxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Nd7 16.Nf5! g6 *(16...Ncxe5? 17.Bxe5 Nxe5?? 18.Nc7#)* 17.Nbd6+ Bxd6 18.Nxd6+ Ke7 19.Bg5+ f6 20.exf6+ Nxf6 21.Ne4 Rf8 22.Bb5+-;

A5b) 10...Kd8 11.f3

A5b1) 11...Qg6 12.d5 Ne5 13.Nf4 *(13.Ng3±)* 13...Qf5 14.Nxa7 Rxa7 *(14...Ke8 15.g4 Nexg4 16.Bb5+ Bd7 17.Bxd7+ Qxd7 18.fxg4 g5 19.Nh5 Nxh5 20.gxh5 Bg7 21.0-0+-)* 15.Rxa7 g5 16.Qd4 gxf4 17.Qb6+ Ke8 18.Ra8 Bh6 19.Qxb7 Kf8 20.Qxc8+ Qxc8 21.Rxc8+ Kg7 22.Rxh8 Kxh8 23.c4+-;

A5b2) 11...Qh4+ 12.g3 Qh5 13.Nf4 Qf5 14.Qe2 *(14.d5 Nb4! 15.cxb4? Qe5+ 16.Kf2 Qxa1 17.Qc2! Bd7 18.Bb2 Qa6 19.Qc7+ Ke8 20.Bd3!⩱)* 14...g5 15.Bh3 g4 16.fxg4 Qe4 *(16...Nxg4 17.0-0+-)* 17.Qxe4 Nxe4 18.Bg2 Nf6 19.g5 Ne8 20.Nd3+-;

A5b3) 11...Qf5 12.Ng3 Qd7 13.Ne4 Nxe4 *(13...e6 14.Nxf6 gxf6 15.Bf4 e5 16.dxe5 fxe5 17.Qb3±)* 14.fxe4 Qg4 15.Qc2! *(15.Qxg4 Bxg4 16.d5 Ne5 17.Nxa7±)* 15...a6 16.d5 Ne5 17.Be3 Bd7 18.Bb6+ Kc8 19.Nc7 Rb8 20.Nxa6! Ra8 21.Qb1 Qh4+ 22.g3 Qf6 23.Be2 Nf3+ 24.Bxf3 Qxf3 25.Rf1 Qxc3+ 26.Ke2+-;

A5b4) 11...Qd5 12.c4 Qd7 13.d5 Ne5 14.Nec3 g6 15.Qd4+-;

A5c) 10...Nd5 11.f3

A5c1) 11...Qe6? 12.c4+-;

A5c2) 11...Qh4+ 12.g3 Qf6 13.Nf4 *(13.Qb3!? e6 14.c4±)* 13...Nxc3 *(13...Nxf4? 14.Bxf4)* 14.Nxc3 Qxd4 *(14...Nxd4? 15.Nfd5 Nxf3+ 16.Kf2 Qd4+ 17.Be3 Qxd1 18.Bb5+ Bd7 19.Nc7+ Kd8 20.Rhxd1+-)* 15.Qxd4 Nxd4 16.Kf2**±**;

A5c3) 11...Qf5 12.Qb3 e6 13.Ng3 Qf6 14.Bc4

A5c31) 14...Qe7 15.Bxd5 exd5+ 16.Kf2 Be6 17.Bf4 Kd8 *(17...0-0-0?? 18.Rxa7!+-)* 18.Rhb1**±**;

A5c32) 14...Nxc3 15.Nc7+!? *(15.Nxc3 Qxd4 16.Ra4±)* 15...Kd8 *(15...Kd7 16.Nxa8 Nxd4 17.Qb2 Qe5+ 18.Kf1 Nc6 19.Qd2+ Nd5 20.Bb2 Qe3 21.Rd1 Qxd2 22.Rxd2±)* 16.Nxa8 Nxd4 17.Qb2 *(17.Qxc3 Bb4 18.Qxb4 Nc2+ 19.Ke2 Nxb4 20.Rd1+ Ke7 21.Be3±)* 17...Bc5 *(17...Qe5+ 18.Kf1 Nc6 19.Ne2+-)* 18.Ra5 Qe5+ 19.Kf1 Nc6 20.Rxc5 Qxc5 21.Qxc3 b5 22.Qd2+ Ke7 23.Be2 Rd8 24.Qg5++-;

A6) 9...Bf5 10.Be3 Nf6 *(10...e5? 11.Ng3 Qg4 12.Be2 Qg6 13.d5 Bxa3 14.dxc6 Bc2 15.Qd7+ Kf8 16.cxb7 Re8 17.Qxe8+ Kxe8 18.b8Q++-)* 11.Ng3 Qe6 *(11...Qg4 12.Qb3 Rb8 13.d5 Ne5 14.Be2 Nd3+ 15.Kf1 Qg6 16.Bxa7+-)* 12.Bc4 *(12.Nb5!? Rc8 13.Nxa7 Bg4 14.Qa4 Ra8 15.Bb5+-)* 12...Qc8 13.Nxf5 Qxf5 14.Qb3 0-0-0 *(14...e6? 15.Qxb7+-)* 15.Bb5!

A6a) 15...Na5 16.Qa4 a6 17.Qxa5 e6 *(17...axb5 18.Nxb5+-)* 18.Qa4!

axb5 *(18...Bxa3 19.Bxa6+-)* 19.Nxb5 Qe4 20.0-0+-;

A6b) 15...Qd5 16.Nc4 Qxg2 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.Rxa7!

A6b1) 18...Qxh1+ 19.Ke2 Kb8 *(19...Qc6 20.Ne5+-; 19...Qe4 20.Ra8+ Kd7 21.Ne5++-)* 20.Qb6 Qd5 21.Rxb7+ Qxb7 22.Qxd8+ Qc8 23.Bf4+ e5 24.Bxe5+ Kb7 25.Na5++-;

A6b2) 18...b5 19.Ne5! Qxh1+ 20.Ke2 Nd5 21.Qa3 Nc7 22.Qc5 Qb7 23.Rxb7 Kxb7 24.Qc6+ Kc8 25.Nxf7 Rd6 26.Qg2!+- Chapter-Games Game 1;

B) 9.Be2

B1) 9...Qxg2 10.Bf3 Qg6 11.Nb5 Kd8 12.Bf4 Bd7 13.Bc7+ Kc8 14.Bg3⩱ a6? 15.Nc7 Rb8 *(15...Ra7 16.d5 Nd8 17.Qd4+-)* 16.d5 Nd8 17.Qd4 e5 18.Qc4+-;

B2) 9...Bd7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '∞' 10.Nf3 e6 11.Ng5 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' Qf5 12.Nb5 Rc8 13.Bd3 Qd5 14.0-0 Sam Collins: '+-' Sam Collins: 'and Black's position was collapsing in A. Bezgodov - M.Askarov, Cheliabinsk 2005 (1-0 in 38), a game played by the author of a book devoted to the 2.a3 system.' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!']

[Smerdon, David: 'A white win in a correspondence game (!) went' 8...a6 9.Nc4 Gotham: 'Now we threaten Nb6.' *(9.Nb5?! Qd8 10.Bf4 e5 11.dxe5 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Bg4+ 13.f3 0-0-0+⇄)*

A) 9...Rb8 10.Bf4

A1) 10...Qe4+ 11.Ne2 e5 12.f3! *(12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Ra8 14.f3)* 12...Qd5 *(12...Qg6 13.dxe5 Be6 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 Rd8 16.Ng3 Nh6 17.Bd3 Qf6 18.Qc1±)* 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Ra8 *(14...Bd6?? 15.Bxg7+-)* 15.Nf4 *(15.Kf2 f6 16.Bg3 Qc6 17.Nf4 Bd6 18.Qb3±)* 15...Qd7 *(15...Qc6 16.d5+-)* 16.Qb3 f6 17.Bb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 fxe5 19.Ne6 exd4 20.cxd4 Nf6 21.0-0 Ke7 22.Ng5;

A2) 10...e5 11.Nxe5

A2a) 11...Qe4+ 12.Ne2 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Ra8 14.f3 Qc6 15.d5 Qc5! *(15...Qb6 16.Nd4 Nf6 17.Bb5+ Bd7 18.Bxd7+ Nxd7 19.Rb1 Qc5 20.Qe2)* 16.Bd4! *(16.Ng3 Qe3+ 17.Qe2 Qxe2+ 18.Bxe2 Nf6 19.0-0-0!?↑)* 16...Qxd5 17.Nf4 Qg5 18.Qd2! Ne7 *(18...Bd6 19.Bb5+! Bd7! 20.Bxd7+ Kxd7 21.Be3⩱ Re8 22.0-0-0+-)* 19.h4 Qh6 *(19...Qf5 20.Bd3 Qd7 21.0-0+-)* 20.Qe3! Bd7 21.Bd3 Rc8 22.Ra5+-;

A2b) 11...Bd6 12.Ngf3

A2b1) 12...Nxe5 13.dxe5 Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 Bc7 15.Bc4 Nh6! *(15...b5? 16.e6+-; 15...Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Ng5 Ke7 18.0-0±)* 16.0-0 0-0 17.Bd5± Be6 *(17...b5?! 18.e6 Bxf4 19.e7 Re8 20.Bc6± Be6 21.Bxe8 Rxe8 22.Rd8+-)* 18.c4 b5 19.Nd4 Rfe8 20.Nc6 Rbc8 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Na7 Rb8 23.Bc6 Red8 24.Nxb5±;

A2b2) 12...Nf6 13.Bd3 0-0 14.c4 Qe6 15.d5 Qe7 16.dxc6± Nh5 *(16...Ng4 17.Qe2 Re8 18.Nxg4+-)* 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 *(17...Kh8? 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Nxf7++-)* 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Qxh5 Bf5 20.0-0 Bxe5

21.Rfe1 f6 22.g4!;

A2c) 11...Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Ra8 *(12...Bd6? 13.Bxg7+-)* 13.Nf3

A2c1) 13...Nf6 14.Bd3 Be7 15.0-0 0-0 16.c4 Qd8 17.h3**±**;

A2c2) 13...Be6 14.Bd3 Nf6 15.0-0

A2c21) 15...Be7 16.Ng5 h6 *(16...0-0 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxh7±)* 17.Nxe6 Qxe6 *(17...fxe6 18.c4 Qd7 19.Bg6+ Kf8 20.f4)* 18.Qa4+ Kf8 *(18...Nd7 19.Rfe1 0-0 20.Bc7+-)* 19.Rfb1 Qc8 20.Qb3 b5 21.c4+-;

A2c22) 15...b5? 16.Re1 Rc8 *(16...Be7 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Be4+-)* 17.Rxa6 Rxc3 18.Rb6 Rb3 19.Bxf6! gxf6 20.Be4 Qc4 21.Rb8+ Kd7 22.Ne5+! fxe5 23.dxe5++-;

A2c3) 13...f6 14.Bg3 Bd6 15.Bd3 Qe6+ 16.Kd2 *(16.Kf1 Kf8 17.Nd2±)* 16...Kf8 17.Re1 Qd7 18.Qb3 Bxg3 19.hxg3 g6 20.Re3 Kg7 21.Rae1 Qd6 *(21...h5 22.Nh4 Rh6 23.Bc4+-)* 22.Re8 b5 23.Bb1 Bb7 24.Ba2+- Chapter-Games Game 1;

B) 9...Bf5 10.Ne3 *(10.Nb6?! Qe4+ 11.Be2 Rd8 12.Nf3 e6∞)*

B1) 10...Qe4 11.d5 Ne5 *(11...Rd8 12.Ra4 Qe5 13.Qb3 Nb8 14.Nf3 Qf6 15.Qxb7+-)* 12.Ra4 Qb1 *(12...Nd3+ 13.Kd2 Nxf2 14.Rxe4 Nxd1 15.Nxf5 Nf2 16.Nd6+ Kd7 17.Re2 Nxh1 18.Nxf7+-)* 13.Rb4 Nd3+ 14.Bxd3 Qxd3 15.Nxf5 Qxf5 *(15...Qxd1+ 16.Kxd1 e6 17.Rxb7! exf5 18.c4±)* 16.Rxb7 Qe4+ *(16...Nf6 17.Qa4+ Nd7 18.c4 g6 19.Ne2 Bg7 20.0-0 Rd8 21.Ng3 Qe5 22.Bb2+-)* 17.Ne2 Nf6 18.0-0**±** Qxd5 19.Qa4+ Nd7 20.Rb4!+-;

B2) 10...Qd7 11.d5

B2a) 11...Ne5 12.Qd4

B2a1) 12...Ng4 13.Nxf5 Qxf5 14.Bb5+ Kd8 15.Qb6+ Kc8 16.Ne2+-;

B2a2) 12...f6 13.f4 Ng4 *(13...Ng6 14.Nxf5 Qxf5 15.Bb5+ Kf7 16.Nf3 Rd8 17.Bd3+-)* 14.Nxf5 Qxf5 15.Bb5+ Kd8 16.Qb6+ Kc8 17.Bc6! bxc6 18.Qxc6+ Kb8 19.Ra2+-;

B2a3) 12...Ng6 13.Nxf5 *(13.g4 e5 14.Qd1 Be4 15.f3 Bxd5 16.Qxd5±)* 13...Qxf5 14.Bb5+ Kd8 15.Qb6+ Kc8 16.Ra4! *(16.Bc6? Qe5+ 17.Ne2 Qc7=)* 16...Ne5 17.Nf3 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3+-;

B2b) 11...Na7 12.Nxf5 Qxf5 13.Qb3

B2b1) 13...b5? 14.Rxa6+-;

B2b2) 13...Nf6 14.Qxb7 Qe5+ *(14...Qxd5 15.Bxa6+-)* 15.Be2 Qxc3+ 16.Kf1 Rc8 *(16...Qxa1? 17.Qxa8+ Kd7 18.Qxa7++-)* 17.Bb2 Rc7 *(17...Qc7 18.Bxa6 e6 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Bd4 Bc5 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Qxg7 Rf8 23.Bxc8+-)* 18.Qa8+ Rc8 19.Bxc3 Rxa8 20.Bd4! Nc8 21.Bb5+ Kd8 22.Bc6 Rb8 23.Nf3**±**;

B2b3) 13...Qd7 14.Nf3 e6 *(14...Nf6 15.Be3 g6 16.Bxa7 Rxa7 17.Qb6! Ra8 18.Bb5+-)* 15.Be3 Qxd5 *(15...exd5? 16.Bxa7 Rxa7 17.Bb5+-)* 16.Bc4 Qc6 17.Ne5!

B2b31) 17...Qxg2?? 18.Bxe6 Qxh1+ 19.Ke2 Qxa1 20.Bd7+ Ke7 *(20...Kd8 21.Qb6+ Ke7 22.Bc5#)* 21.Qb4+ Kf6 22.Qh4+ g5

23.Qxg5#;
B2b32) 17...Qc7 18.Nxf7! Qxf7 *(18...Kxf7 19.Bxe6++-)* 19.Bxe6 Qc7 20.0-0! Nb5 *(20...Nf6 21.Bb6 Qd6 22.Bf7+ Kd7 23.Rfd1+-)* 21.c4 Nd6 22.Bb6 Qc6 23.Bd5 Qd7 24.c5+- Chapter-Games Game 1;

C) 9...b5? 10.Nb6 Qe6+ *(10...Qe4+ 11.Be3 Rb8 12.Nxc8 Rxc8 13.Rxa6±)* 11.Be2 Rb8 12.d5 Qe5 *(12...Qf6 13.Nxc8 Ne5 14.Na7+-)* 13.Nxc8 Nb4 *(13...Rxc8 14.Nf3! Qxc3+ 15.Bd2 Qb2 16.dxc6 Rxc6 17.0-0+-)* 14.cxb4! Qxa1 15.Qc2 Qe5 *(15...Nf6 16.Nf3 e6 17.0-0 Bxb4 18.Qc6+ Nd7 19.dxe6 0-0 20.exd7+-)* 16.Qc6+ Kd8 17.Nf3 Qc7 18.Na7 Nf6 19.0-0 Rb7 20.Be3+-;

D) 9...Qe6+ 10.Be3

D1) 10...b5 11.d5 Qf6 12.Nb6 Rb8 *(12...Qxc3+ 13.Bd2 Qe5+ 14.Be2+-)* 13.Qb3 Ne5 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.Rxa6 Qxa6 16.Bxb5+ Qxb5 17.Qxb5++-;

D2) 10...Nf6 11.Nb6 Rb8 12.d5 Qe5 13.Ne2! Nxd5 *(13...Nd8 14.Bf4+-)* 14.Qxd5 Qxd5 15.Nxd5 e6 16.Nb6+-;

E) 9...Be6 10.Ne3 Qe4 *(10...Qd7? 11.d5+-; 10...Qg5 11.Nf3 Qh5 12.Be2 Nf6 13.Ne5! Qh4 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bf3±)* 11.Ra4!? *(11.Bd3±)* 11...0-0-0 12.Bd3 Qf4 13.d5 Qc7 14.dxc6 Qxc6 15.Ke2! Qxc3 16.Ra3 Qc5 17.Nf3 Nf6 18.Bb2+-;

F) 9...Qe4+ 10.Ne2!?

F1) 10...Nf6 11.Nb6 Rb8 12.f3

F1a) 12...Qf5 13.d5

F1a1) 13...Ne5 14.Ng3 Qg6 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.f4 Nc4 17.Bd3+-

F1a11) 17...Qh6 18.Qb3 b5 *(18...Nd7 19.Bxc4+-)* 19.Rxa6+-;

F1a12) 17...Qg4 18.Qxg4 Nxg4 19.Bf5 Nd6 20.Bxg4 Rxc3 21.0-0+-;

F1a2) 13...Na7 14.Bf4 e5 15.Be3! *(15.g4!?)* 15...Nb5 16.Ng3 Qg6 17.Bd3! e4 18.Bxb5+ axb5 19.Qe2! exf3 *(19...Nd7 20.Qxb5 Bd6 21.Nxe4+-)* 20.gxf3 Be7 21.Bc5 0-0 22.Bxe7 Re8 23.d6+-;

F1b) 12...Qh4+ 13.g3 Qh5 14.Nf4

F1b1) 14...Qh6 15.Qb3

F1b11) 15...e6 16.Nxc8 Rxc8 17.Qxb7 Ne7 18.Rxa6 g5+- 19.Bb5+;

F1b12) 15...g5 16.Nxc8

F1b121) 16...gxf4 17.Bxf4 Qh5 18.Bxb8 Qxf3 19.Ra2! Qxh1 20.Qxb7 e6 *(20...Qf3 21.Nd6+ exd6 22.Re2+ Be7 23.Rxe7+ Kf8 24.Rxf7+ Ke8 25.Rxf6 Qxf6 26.Qxc6+ Ke7 27.Bh3+-)* 21.Na7+-;

F1b122) 16...Rxc8? 17.Qxb7+-;

F1b13) 15...e5 16.Nxc8 exf4 *(16...Rxc8 17.Qxb7+-)* 17.Bxf4 Qh5 *(17...g5 18.Bxb8 Nxb8 19.Qxb7+-)* 18.Kf2 Rxc8 19.Qxb7 Qf5 *(19...Ne7 20.Rxa6+-)* 20.Bxa6+-;

F1b2) 14...Qg5 15.Nxc8 *(15.Bc4!?+-; 15.Kf2!?)* 15...Rxc8 16.Bd3!? Rg8 17.Qb3 Nd8 *(17...Na5 18.Qb6+-)* 18.0-0+-;
F1b3) 14...Qf5? 15.Bd3 Qg5 16.Ng6 Qh5 *(16...Qxg6 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.d5)* 17.Nxh8 Qh3 18.Bf4 Qg2 19.Rf1 e5 20.dxe5+-;
F1c) 12...Qg6 13.Nf4 *(13.Qb3 Nd7 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.Qxb7 Rb8 16.Qc7 a5 17.d5 Nd8 18.Nd4±)*
F1c1) 13...Qf5 14.Bd3 Qg5 15.0-0+-;
F1c2) 13...Qg5 14.Qe2 Qf5 15.Qb2! e5 *(15...g5?? 16.Bd3+-)* 16.Bd3 Qg5 17.Ng6 Qh5 18.Nxh8 Be6 19.0-0+-;
F1c3) 13...Qh6 14.d5 *(14.h4 g5 15.Nd3 Nd7 16.Nxd7 Bxd7 17.Nc5±; 14.Ne6!? Qh5 15.Nxf8 Kxf8 16.Bf4±)* 14...Ne5 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.Qb3 Nfd7 *(16...Rb8 17.Bxa6+-)* 17.Qxb7 Rb8 18.Qxa6**±**;
F2) 10...e6 11.Nb6 Rb8 12.Bf4 e5 13.Bg3**±**;
F3) 10...b5 11.Nb6 Rb8 12.Nxc8 Rxc8 13.Rxa6 e6 14.f3 Qh4+ 15.g3 Qe7 16.d5! exd5 17.Bh3 Qb7 *(17...Rc7? 18.Qxd5+-)* 18.Bxc8 Qxc8 19.Rb6 Nf6 20.Rxb5**±**;
G) 9...e5?! 10.Nb6 Qe4+ 11.Ne2 Rb8 12.d5
G1) 12...Bc5 13.Qa4! Nf6 14.dxc6 bxc6 *(14...Bxb6 15.c7+ Qxa4 16.cxb8Q Qxa1 17.Qxc8+ Bd8 18.Qxb7 0-0 19.g3+-)* 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.f3!+-;
G2) 12...Nd8 13.f3 Qh4+ *(13...Qg6? 14.Qa4++-)* 14.g3 Qf6 *(14...Qe7? 15.Ba3 Qc7 16.Qa4+ Bd7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.Bxf8+-)* 15.Qa4+ Nc6 16.dxc6+-;
G3) 12...Na7 13.Be3 Qh4 14.Ng3 Bd6 15.Nc4 Nb5 16.Qa4 Ke7 17.Qa5 Bd7 18.Nxd6 Nxd6 19.Bc5+-;
G4) 12...Nce7 13.f3!
G4a) 13...Qg6 14.Qa4+ Kd8 15.Nc4! Bd7 16.Qb4 Nxd5? *(16...Nh6 17.Nxe5 Qf6 18.Qa5+ b6 19.Qxa6 Qxe5 20.Bf4 Qxd5 21.Bxb8+-; 16...Bb5 17.Nxe5 Qf6 18.Bg5! Qxe5 19.Bf4 Qxd5 20.Rd1+-)* 17.Qxf8++-;
G4b) 13...Qh4+ 14.g3 Qf6 *(14...Qh5 15.Nf4! exf4 16.Bxf4 Nf6 17.Bxb8+-)* 15.d6
G4b1) 15...Bf5
G4b11) 16.Ba3!? Nc6 *(16...Rd8 17.Bg2 Nc8 18.Qa4+ Bd7 19.Nxd7 Rxd7 20.Bh3+-)* 17.d7+ Kd8 18.Bxf8 Nge7 19.Bxe7+ Nxe7 20.Nc4+-;
G4b12) 16.dxe7**±**;
G4b2) 15...Nc6?? 16.d7++-;
G5) 12...Nd4 13.Qa4+! Kd8 14.cxd4+-;
H) 9...e6 10.Nb6 Qe4+ 11.Be2 Rb8 12.Nf3
H1) 12...Nf6 13.Ng5 Qg6 14.h4!? *(14.Bf4 h6 15.Bd3 Qh5 16.Qxh5 Nxh5 17.Bxb8 hxg5 18.Bc7±)* 14...h6 15.h5 Qf5 16.g4 Nxg4 17.Bxg4 Qb5 18.Nxf7! Kxf7 19.Nxc8 Rxc8 20.d5 Nd8 21.dxe6+ Nxe6 22.Qf3+

Ke7 23.Qe4 Rc6 24.Be2 Qb3 25.Rb1 Qxc3+ 26.Bd2 Qc2 27.Bd3+-;
H2) 12...Bd6 13.Ng5! Qf5 *(13...Qxg2?? 14.Bf3+-)* 14.Bd3 Qf6 15.Ne4 Qd8 16.Nxd6+ Qxd6 17.Ba3 Qd8 18.Nc4 Nge7 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Qh5 g6 21.Bxg6!+-;

I) 9...Qd8 10.d5

I1) 10...b5

I1a) 11.Be3 bxc4 12.dxc6 Qxd1+ 13.Rxd1 Be6 14.Ne2;

I1b) 11.Ne3!?

I1b1) 11...Nb8? 12.Bxb5+ Bd7 13.Bc4±;

I1b2) 11...Ne5? 12.Bxb5+ Bd7 *(12...Nd7 13.Bc6±)* 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 *(13...Nxd7 14.Nf3±)* 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3±;

I1b3) 11...Na7 12.c4! b4 *(12...e6 13.cxb5 exd5 14.bxa6 Bb4+ 15.Bd2 Bxd2+ 16.Qxd2 Qf6 17.Nc2±; 12...bxc4 13.Bxc4 Nf6 14.Nf3 g6 15.0-0 Bg7 16.Bb2 0-0 17.Qd3 Qd7 18.Rfd1±)* 13.c5! e6 *(13...a5 14.Qa4+ Bd7 15.c6+-)* 14.d6 Nc6 *(14...Bb7 15.Bxa6+-)* 15.Nf3±;

I1b4) 11...Na5 12.Nf3 Nf6 13.Qc2!

I1b41) 13...Nxd5? 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Rxa5+-;

I1b42) 13...Bb7 14.Qa2 Nc4 15.Bxc4 bxc4 16.Ne5!↑ g6? 17.Qa4+ Nd7 18.Rb1 Rb8 *(18...Bc8 19.0-0 Bg7 20.N3xc4 0-0 21.Nc6 Qc7 22.Nxe7+ Kh8 23.Qc6! Ra7 24.Be3 Qxc6 25.dxc6 Rc7 26.Bf4 Ne5 27.Nxc8+-)* 19.N3xc4 Bg7 20.Bf4 Bxe5 21.Nxe5 f6 22.Qxd7+ Qxd7 23.Nxd7 Kxd7 24.0-0+-;

I1b43) 13...g6 14.Qa2 Nc4 *(14...Nb7 15.Bxb5+±)* 15.Nxc4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 Bg7 17.0-0 0-0 18.Re1 Bb7 *(18...Bf5 19.Nd4 Ne4 20.Nc6 Qd7 21.Qa3!±)* 19.Ba3 Nxd5 20.Rad1 e6 21.Bxd5! exd5 22.Bxf8 Qxf8 23.Nd4±;

I1c) 11.dxc6 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 bxc4 13.Nf3 Smerdon, David: '±!' *(13.Bxc4 e6 14.Nf3 Bc5 15.Nd2!±)*;

I2) 10...Na7?! 11.Be3

I2a) 11...Nf6? 12.Nb6 Rb8 13.Qa4+ Nd7 *(13...Nb5 14.c4+-; 13...Bd7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.Bxa7+-)* 14.Qf4±;

I2b) 11...e6? 12.Nb6 Rb8 13.Qa4+ Ke7 *(13...Nb5 14.dxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxb5+ axb5 16.Qxb5++- Bd7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Qe5+)* 14.Bc5+ Kf6 15.Nf3 g5 16.Qd4+ Kg6 17.Qxh8 Bxc5 18.Ne5+ Kh5 *(18...Kf5 19.Bd3+ Kf4 20.g3#; 18...Kh6 19.Nxf7++-)* 19.Qxh7+ Nh6 20.g4+ Kh4 21.Qxh6#;

I2c) 11...Nb5? 12.Nb6

I2c1) 12...Nxc3 13.Qb3 Nxd5 *(13...Nf6 14.Qxc3 Nxd5 15.Qa5 e6 16.Bb5+ axb5 17.Qxb5+ Bd7 18.Qxd7+ Qxd7 19.Rxa8+ Qd8 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8 21.Nxd5 exd5 22.Nf3+-)* 14.Bb5+ axb5 15.Rxa8 Nxb6 16.Bxb6 Qxb6 17.Rxc8+ Kd7 18.Rxf8+-;

I2c2) 12...Rb8 13.Bxb5+ axb5 14.Qd4! Nf6 15.Bf4 Nd7 16.Nxd7

Bxd7 17.Bxb8 Qxb8 18.Nf3+-;

I2d) 11...b5 12.Nb6 Rb8 13.Nxc8

I2d1) 13...Qxc8? 14.Qb3 Qb7 15.Bxa7 Qxa7 16.Bxb5+**±** Kd8

I2d11) 17.Nf3!? Qb7 18.Nd4 axb5 19.Nc6+ Kc8 *(19...Ke8 20.Nxb8 Qxb8 21.0-0 Nf6 22.Ra5+-)* 20.Nxb8 Kxb8 21.Ra5+-;

I2d12) 17.Qa4**±**;

I2d2) 13...Nxc8 14.Rxa6 Nf6 15.Bf4 *(15.Nf3 Qxd5! 16.Qd4!⩱)* 15...Rb7 16.Nf3 Nxd5 *(16...Qxd5? 17.Ra8 Qxd1+ 18.Kxd1 Kd8 19.Ne5+-)* 17.Qb3! Nxf4 18.Bxb5+ Rxb5 *(18...Rd7 19.Ne5+-)* 19.Qxb5+ Qd7 20.Qxd7+ Kxd7 21.Ne5+ Kc7 *(21...Ke8 22.Ra8+-)* 22.Rc6+ Kb7 *(22...Kd8 23.Nxf7+ Kd7 24.Ne5+ Kd8 25.Kd2 Nd6 26.Ra1+-)* 23.Kd2 Nd5 24.Rb1+ Ndb6 *(24...Ncb6?? 25.c4+-)* 25.Rxc8 Kxc8 26.Nxf7 Nc4+ *(26...Rg8 27.Rxb6±)* 27.Kd3 Na3 28.Ra1 Rg8 29.Rxa3**±**;

I3) 10...Nb8 11.Ne5 '!' *(11.Qd4 Nd7)*

I3a) 11...f6? 12.Bb5+ Bd7 *(12...axb5 13.Rxa8+-; 12...Nd7 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Nxg6+-)* 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Nxg6+-;

I3b) 11...e6?! 12.Bb5+

I3b1) 12...axb5 13.Rxa8 Na6 *(13...Qc7 14.Ngf3 Bd6 15.dxe6 Bxe6 16.Qd3!±)* 14.dxe6+-;

I3b2) 12...Bd7 13.Nxf7!

I3b21) 13...Qf6 14.Bxd7+ Nxd7 *(14...Kxf7 15.dxe6+ Kg6 16.Qg4+)* 15.Nxh8+-;

I3b22) 13...Kxf7 14.dxe6+ Kxe6 *(14...Ke8 15.exd7+ Nxd7 16.Ba4±)* 15.Bc4+ Ke7 *(15...Kf6 16.Qd4+ Kg6 17.Qf4+-)* 16.Qe2+ Kd6 17.Bf4+ Kc6 *(17...Kc5 18.Qe5+ Kxc4 19.Qd4+ Kb5 20.Rb1+ Ka5 21.Be3!+- Ba3 22.Rb4! b5 23.Ra4+! bxa4 24.Qd5+ Bc5 25.Qxc5+ Bb5 26.Qb4#)* 18.Rb1 b5 19.Bxb5+ axb5 20.Qxb5#;

I3c) 11...Qd6 12.Ngf3

I3c1) 12...f6 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.Nd4 e5 15.d6**±** Bxd6 *(15...Qd7 16.Nb3 b5 17.Nb6 Qc6 18.Nxa8+-)* 16.Nb5 axb5 17.Nxd6+ Ke7 18.Rxa8+-;

I3c2) 12...Nd7 13.Bb5 Ngf6 *(13...f6 14.Nc4 Qc5 15.Qe2 Qxd5 16.0-0±)* 14.0-0 Rb8 15.Bxd7+ Bxd7 16.c4 *(16.Bf4!?)* 16...g6 17.Re1 *(17.Bf4!?±)* 17...Bg7 18.Ba3 Qc7 19.Bxe7+-;

I3d) 11...g6 12.Bb5+ Nd7 *(12...Bd7 13.Bc4)* 13.Ngf3 Bg7 *(13...Ngf6 14.Ng5!)*

I3d1) 14.0-0 Ngf6 15.d6 0-0 16.dxe7 Qxe7 17.Bxd7 Bxd7?! *(17...Nxd7 18.Ba3 Qe6 19.Bxf8±)* 18.Ba3**±**;

I3d2) 14.Nxf7!? Kxf7 15.Ng5+ Ke8 16.Ne6 Qb6 17.Qb3 *(17.Bxd7+ Bxd7 18.Nxg7+ Kf7 19.Ne6 Bxe6 20.Be3 Qd6 21.dxe6+ Qxe6 22.0-0⩱)* 17...Qd6 18.Nxg7+ Kf7 19.Ne6 Ngf6 20.Be3↑ '**±**' Nxd5 *(20...Qxd5? 21.Bc4+-)* 21.Ng5+ Kg7 22.Ne4 Qe6 23.Bc4 N7b6 24.Bd4+ Kh6 25.Bxd5 Nxd5 26.f3**±**;

I3e) 11...Nf6
I3e1) 12.Bc4!?
I3e11) 12...b5? 13.Bxb5+ axb5 14.Rxa8 Bb7 15.Nc6+-;
I3e12) 12...e6 13.Qa4+ *(13.Nxf7!? Kxf7 14.dxe6+∞)* 13...Bd7 *(13...Nbd7 14.Nxf7! Kxf7 15.dxe6+ Ke7 16.exd7 Bxd7 17.Qb4+ Ke8 18.Qxb7±)* 14.Nxd7 Nbxd7 *(14...Qxd7 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Qb3 Nd5 17.Nf3±)* 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Nf3 *(16.Bxe6 Qe7 17.Ra2 0-0-0 18.Re2±)* 16...Qc7 17.0-0⩲;
I3e13) 12...Ne4 13.Ngf3 Nd6 14.Bb3 g6 15.c4!↑ Bg7 *(15...b6 16.Ba4+ Bd7 17.Bb2±)* 16.Bb2 0-0 17.c5 Bf5 *(17...Nf5 18.g4 Nh6 19.h3⩲)* 18.0-0 Ne4 19.Bd4⩲ Nd7 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Re1 f6 23.Rc1**±**;
I3e14) 12...Nbd7 13.Ngf3
I3e141) 13...Nxe5 14.Nxe5
I3e1411) 14...g6 15.d6;
I3e1412) 14...Bf5 15.0-0;
I3e1413) 14...Rb8 15.0-0**±**;
I3e1414) 14...Qc7 15.Qa4+! Bd7 *(15...Nd7 16.Nd3! g6 17.Bf4 Qd8 18.Be5 Rg8 19.0-0⩲)* 16.Nxd7 Nxd7 17.0-0 Rd8 18.Ba2 Qd6 19.c4**±**;
I3e1415) 14...Nd7 15.Bf4 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 e6 17.0-0 exd5 18.Bxd5**±**;
I3e1416) 14...Bd7 15.0-0
I3e14161) 15...g6 16.d6! e6 17.Bg5 Bg7 18.Qf3 Rc8 *(18...0-0 19.Ng4+-)* 19.Qxb7+-;
I3e14162) 15...b5 16.Bb3 g6 *(16...a5 17.Re1±)* 17.d6 *(17.Re1 Bg7 18.d6 e6 19.Bg5 h6±; 17.Bg5!?±)* 17...e6 18.Bg5 Bg7 *(18...h6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Re1±)* 19.Qf3 h6 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Nxd7 Kxd7 22.Rfe1 a5 23.Bxe6+! fxe6 24.Qb7+ Ke8 25.Rxe6+ Kf8 26.Rae1 Bg7 *(26...Rb8 27.Rxf6+ Qxf6 28.Qxb8++-)* 27.Re7+-;
I3e14163) 15...Rc8 16.Re1 g6 17.Ba3 Bg7 18.Bxe7! Qxe7 19.d6 Qd8 20.Nxf7++-;
I3e142) 13...Nb6 14.Bb3
I3e1421) 14...Nfxd5 15.Ng5! f6 *(15...Be6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.0-0±)* 16.Nef7 Qc7 17.0-0 fxg5 18.Nxh8 Be6 19.Qh5+ Kd7 20.Qxh7**±**;
I3e1422) 14...Bg4 15.0-0! Bxf3 *(15...Nbxd5? 16.Nxg4+-; 15...Bh5 16.c4±)* 16.Qxf3 Nbxd5 17.c4 Nb6 18.Rd1 Qc7 19.c5 Qxe5 20.cxb6 Rd8 21.Ba4++-;
I3e1423) 14...Nbxd5 15.Ba4+ b5 *(15...Bd7 16.Bxd7+ Nxd7 17.Qxd5 Nxe5 18.Qxe5+-)* 16.Bxb5+ axb5 17.Rxa8 e6 18.Qd3+-;

I3e143) 13...g6 14.d6!
I3e1431) 14...e6? 15.Nxf7! Kxf7 16.Ng5+ Ke8 *(16...Kg8 17.Bxe6+ Kg7 18.Nf7 Qe8 19.Bh6+ Kg8 20.Ng5++-)* 17.Nxe6 Qb6 18.Nxf8 Nxf8 *(18...Kxf8?? 19.Bh6+; 18...Rxf8?? 19.Qe2+)* 19.Qe2+ Be6 20.Bxe6 Qxd6 21.Bb3+ Qe7 22.Be3;
I3e1432) 14...exd6 15.Bxf7+ Ke7 16.Nxd7 Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 *(17...Kg7?? 18.Ne6+)* 18.Qb3+ d5 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Qxd5+ Kg7 21.0-0**±**;
I3e1433) 14...Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Be6 *(15...e6 16.Bg5 Bg7 17.Bb5+ Kf8 18.d7±)* 16.Qa4+ Nd7 *(16...b5? 17.Bxb5++-)* 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qf4 Nxe5 19.Qxe5 Rg8 20.Qxe6 Rg7 21.Bf4**±**;

I3e2) 12.Bb5+
I3e21) 12...Nbd7 13.Ngf3
I3e211) 13...Qc7 14.0-0 Qxc3 *(14...g6 15.Re1 Bg7 16.d6+-)* 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.Qb3 Rb8 *(16...Qd6 17.Bf4+-; 16...Ne4 17.d6! Nxd6 18.Rac1+-)* 17.d6+-;
I3e212) 13...Ne4 14.c4 Nd6 15.Bxd7+ Bxd7 16.c5 Nb5 17.Ng5 f6 18.Nef7 Qc7 19.Ne6 Bxe6 20.dxe6 Rg8 21.0-0**⩲** g6 22.Bf4 Qc6 23.Re1 Bg7 24.Nd6+ exd6 25.cxd6 Nxd6 26.Rc1 Qb6 27.Bxd6 Rd8 28.e7 Rd7 29.Rc8+;
I3e213) 13...g6 14.Qe2! Bg7 *(14...h6 15.d6 e6 16.Nxg6±; 14...Qc7 15.0-0 Nxd5 16.Nxf7!)* 15.Nxf7!?
I3e2131) 15...Kxf7 16.Ng5+ Ke8 17.0-0 Qb6 18.d6! Qxd6 *(18...Nd5 19.Qe6 Rf8 20.Qxd5 Qxd6 21.Qxd6 exd6 22.Re1+ Be5 23.f4+-)* 19.Ba3+-;
I3e2132) 15...Qc7 16.0-0 0-0 *(16...Kxf7? 17.Ng5+ Ke8 18.d6+-)* 17.Nh6+ Kh8 18.Ng5 Nb6 19.Ngf7+ Rxf7 20.Nxf7+ Kg8 21.d6! exd6 22.Nh6+ Kh8 *(22...Bxh6 23.Bxh6 axb5 24.Rxa8 Nxa8 25.Qa2+ Qc4 26.Qxa8±)* 23.Bg5!?
I3e21321) 23...axb5? 24.Rxa8 Nxa8 25.Re1 Qd7 26.Qf3 Bxh6 27.Bxh6 Ng8 *(27...Qf5 28.Qe3 Ng8 29.Qd4+ Qf6 30.Qxf6+ Nxf6 31.Bg5 Ng8 32.Re8+-)* 28.Be3+-;
I3e21322) 23...d5 24.Rfe1**±** Ne4 *(24...Bf5 25.Nxf5 gxf5 26.Qe7 Qxe7 27.Rxe7 axb5 28.Rxa8+ Nxa8 29.Rxb7 Kg8 30.Rb8+ Kf7 31.Bxf6 Bxf6 32.Rxa8 Bxc3 33.Kf1+-)* 25.Bd3 Bf5 26.Bxe4 dxe4 27.g4 Bd7 28.Qa2 Qc4 29.Qxc4 Nxc4 30.Rxe4 Bb5 31.Nf7+ Kg8 32.Re7 Bxc3 33.Rd1**±** Na5 34.Nh6+ Kh8 *(34...Kf8 35.Rxh7+-)* 35.Rc1 Bg7 36.Rcc7;
I3e22) 12...Bd7 13.Bc4
I3e221) 13...b5 14.Ba2! *(14.Bb3 Bf5 15.Ngf3 Nbd7 16.0-0 Nc5 17.Ba2⩲)* 14...Bf5 15.Ngf3 Nbd7 *(15...Qd6 16.0-0 Nbd7*

17.Re1±) 16.0-0 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 e6
I3e2211) 18.Qf3 Be4 19.dxe6! Bxf3 *(19...fxe6 20.Qg3±)* 20.exf7+ Ke7 21.Ba3+ Qd6 22.Bxd6+ Kxd6 23.Nxf3+-;
I3e2212) 18.dxe6 fxe6 *(18...Qxd1? 19.exf7+ Kd8 20.Rxd1+ Kc7 21.Bf4 Nh5 22.Be3 Nf6 23.h3±)* 19.Qf3⩲;
I3e2213) 18.Re1! Bd6 *(18...Bc5 19.Qf3 0-0 20.Nxf7 Rxf7 21.dxe6 Re7 22.Qxf5±)* 19.dxe6 Bxe6 *(19...fxe6 20.Qf3 Rc8 21.Bg5 Qc7 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Bxe6! Bxe5 24.Qxf5 Rd8 25.f4+-)* 20.Nxf7 Bxh2+ 21.Kxh2 Qxd1 22.Rxe6+ Kd7 *(22...Kxf7 23.Rd6+ Nd5 24.Rxd5 Qxd5 25.Bxd5+ Kg6 26.Bxa8+-)* 23.Re7+ Kxe7 24.Ba3+ Qd6+ 25.Bxd6+ Kd7 26.Rd1 Rhe8 27.Bb4+ Kc7 28.Ba5+ Kb8 29.Rd6! Ra7 30.Rb6+ Ka8 31.Nd6 Re2 32.Bb3±;
I3e222) 13...Bf5 14.Ngf3 Nbd7 15.0-0 Qc8 *(15...Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Nd7 17.Re1 Rc8 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Nxd3 g6 20.Ba3)* 16.Re1 Nxe5 *(16...g6? 17.Nxd7 Bxd7 18.Qd4 Bg7 19.Rxe7+! Kxe7 20.Bh6!! Bxh6 21.d6+ Kf8 22.Qxf6)* 17.Nxe5 Nd7 18.Qa4 Rb8 19.Ba2 Qxc3 20.Bg5 f6 21.Rac1 Qb2 22.Nc4 Qb5 23.Nd6++-;
I3e223) 13...g6 14.Ngf3 Bg7 15.0-0 Ne4 Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: '?' Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: 'Vlasveld bemerkt hier, dass er einer Idee aus einer Fernpartie seines holländischen Schachkollegen Hans Wansink gefolgt sei. Dort geschah 15Δ b5 16. La2 Ta7 17. Sxf7! ("watch this move!") Kxf7 18. d6+ e6 19. Sg5+ Kf8 20. Te1 h6 21. Sxe6+ Lxe6 22. Txe6 Td7 23. Dc2 Th7 24. Dxg6 De8 25. Txf6+ 1-0 (H. Wansink-Dr. H. Schepers, WT/M/1066). Vorzuziehen ist das solidere 15Δ 0-0 16. Te1 Lf5 (+= gemäss Vlasveld).' 16.Nxf7 Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: '!' Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: 'Mit diesem Opfer sichert sich Weiss die Initiative und hält den schwarzen König in der Mitte fest.' Kxf7 Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: 'Auf 17Δ e6 folgt das Abspiel 18. Te1 Sxc3 19. Db3 Lf6 20. Dxb7 Te8 21. Dxa8 mit Gewinn.' 17.d6+ Ke8 18.Re1 Bf5 Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: 'Oder 18Δ Lc6 19. La3 b5 20. La2 Sxd6 (20Δ e6 21. Txe4! Lxe4 22. De2 Lf5 23. Lxe6 Sd7 24. Lxf5+ Kf8 25. Sg5 Dxg5 26. Lxd7 +-) 21. Lxd6 Lf6 22. Te6 Tf8 23. Sd4 Ld7 24. Db3 Lxd4 25. Txe7+ Dxe7 26. Lxe7 und Weiss gewinnt.' 19.Ba3 Nc6 20.Qd5 Bxc3 21.Rxe4 Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: '!' Bxa1 Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: 'Oder 22Δ Lxg4 23. Sg5 Dd7 24. Df7+ Kd8 25. dxe7+ und gewinnt.' 22.g4 Qd7 23.Re1 Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: 'Es gewinnt auch 23. Df7+ Kd8 24. dxe7+ Kc7 25. gxf5 Tae8 26. f6+.' Bc3 Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: '23Δ Lxg4 24. Df7+ Kd8 25. dxe7+ Kc7 26. Txa1 Tae8 27. Df4+ Kc8 28. Se5 Df5 29. Dxg4 Dxg4+ 30. Sxg4 und gewinnt.' 24.Re3 Ba1 25.Qd1 Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: 'Es gewinnt auch 25. Df7+ Kd8 26.

dxe7+ Kc7 27. gxf5 usw.' Bf6 26.gxf5 Rd8 27.Qd5 Rf8 28.Re6 Smerdon, David: '1-0 Vlasveld, W (2439) -Jaederholm, B (2496)/ ICCF email 2007' Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: '!' Vlasfeld,W Martin(NED)IM: 'Eine mögliche Fortsetzung ist 28Δ gxf5 29. Dxf5 Ta8 30. Kf1 Kd8 31. dxe7 mit klarem Gewinn (Varianten gemäss Angaben des Siegers).']

[8...Nf6 Gotham: 'Natural but losing.' A very poor move, allowing White to take the initiative. '?!' 9.Nb5 Threatening a royal fork on c7 . '!'

A) 9...Qe4+ 10.Be2 Rb8 11.Nf3 Nd5 *(11...a6* '?' *12.Nc7+ Kd7 13.Ng5 Qg6 14.Bf4* '!' *)* 12.0-0 a6 13.Bd3 Qg4 14.c4 '**±**';

B) 9...Kd8 10.Nf3

B1) 10...Bg4 11.c4 '!' *(11.Be2 Bxf3 12.gxf3 e6* '**∞**' *)*

B1a) 11...Bxf3 12.cxd5 Bxd1 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Nxa7 Kc7 15.Kxd1 Kb7 '?' *(15...Kb6* '!' *16.Ra6+* '!' *Kb7 17.Nxc6 Rxa6 18.Nd8+ Ka7 19.Bxa6 Kxa6 20.Nxf7* '**±**' *)* 16.Ba6+ '!' Kxa7 17.Bc8+ Kb8 18.Bf4+ '+-';

B1b) 11...Qe4+ 12.Be2 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qf5 14.d5 Nb4 15.0-0 Na6 16.Be3 '+-';

B2) 10...e5 11.Ra4 '!?' a6 12.c4 Qe4+ 13.Be2 Nxd4 14.Nbxd4 exd4 15.Nxd4 '**±**' Bd7 16.0-0 '!' Bxa4 17.Qxa4 Kc8 18.c5 '!';

C) 9...Qd8 Defending c7 . 10.d5 Attacking the Knight on c6 .

C1) 10...Nxd5 '?' 11.Qxd5 '!' Qxd5 12.Nc7+ Kd8 13.Nxd5 '+-';

C2) 10...a6 11.dxc6 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Kd8 *(12...Bg4+ 13.Kc2 0-0-0 14.Bf4* '+-!' *axb5* '??' *15.Ra8#)* 13.Nf3 bxc6 14.Ne5 cxb5 15.Nxf7+ Ke8 16.Nxh8 '+-';

C3) 10...Nb8 11.Bf4

C3a) 11...e5 12.Bxe5 Na6 *(12...Qe7 13.Nf3 Ng4 14.d6* '+-' *)* 13.Rxa6 bxa6 14.Nc7+ Kd7 15.Qa4+ Ke7 16.d6+ '+-';

C3b) 11...Na6 12.Rxa6 '!' Nxd5 *(12...bxa6 13.Nc7+ Kd7 14.Qa4#)* 13.Bc4 '!' *(13.Nd6+ exd6 14.Qxd5 Qe7+ 15.Be2 Be6 16.Qf3* '**±**'*; 13.Ra4 Nxf4 14.Rxf4* '**±**' *)* 13...Nxf4 *(13...bxa6* '?' *14.Bxd5 axb5 15.Bxf7+ Kxf7 16.Qxd8* '+-' *)* 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qxd8 bxa6 16.Nc7 Rb8 17.Nf3 '+-' Rb1+ 18.Kd2 Rxh1 19.Qe8+ Kf6 20.Qxc8 '+-';

C4) 10...Na5 11.Bf4 Nxd5 *(11...e5 12.Bxe5 Qe7 13.Nf3* '+-' *)* 12.Qxd5 Qxd5 13.Nc7+ Kd7 14.Nxd5 b6 *(14...Nc6 15.Nb6+ axb6 16.Rxa8* '+-' *)* 15.Bb5+ Ke6 *(15...Nc6 16.Nxb6+* '+-' *)* 16.Nc7+ '+-';

C5) 10...Ne5 11.Bf4 Attacking the Knight. If the Knight moves, White has a Knight fork on c7 . Nfd7 Defending the Knight on e5 . *(11...Nfg4 12.h3 a6 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Qa4 Bd7 15.Bxe5* '+-' *)* 12.Nf3 '!' Increasing the pressure on e5 .

C5a) 12...a6 '??' 13.Nxe5 axb5 14.Rxa8 '+-';

C5b) 12...Nxf3+ '?' 13.Qxf3 e5 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Nc7+ '+-';

C5c) 12...g5 '?' 13.Nxe5 gxf4 14.Qh5 '!' Nxe5 15.Qxe5 f6 16.Nc7+ Kf7 *(16...Kd7 17.Bb5#)* 17.Qh5+ Kg7 18.Nxa8 a6 19.Ra4 '+-';

C5d) 12...f6 Defending e5 once more. 13.Nfd4 A powerful move, with over 90% winrate CCStartBracketCC+7.0CCEndBracketCC. One possible line goes like this: 13...Nc5 14.Bxe5 fxe5 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Qxe5 Rg8 17.Nc7+ Kf7 18.Nde6 Nxe6 19.dxe6 Bxe6 20.Qxe6+ Kg7 , with a deadly attack. '!'

C5d1) 13...Nc5 14.Bxe5 fxe5 15.Qh5+ g6 *(15...Kd7 16.Qf5+ Ke8 17.Ne6 Na6 18.Rxa6* '!' *Bxe6 19.dxe6 Qb8 20.Rd6* '!' *Qxd6 21.Nxd6+ exd6 22.Qf7+ Kd8 23.Qd7#)* 16.Qxe5 Rg8 17.Nc7+ Kf7 18.Nde6 '+-!' Bg7 *(18...Qd7 19.Ng5#; 18...Qd6 19.Ng5#)* 19.Qf4+ '+-' Chapter 1-Game 3 Game 3 Chapter 1-Game 1 Game 1 Chapter 1-Game 3 Game 3 Chapter 1-Game 2 Game 2 Chapter 1-Game 3 Game 3 Chapter-Games Game 2;

C5d2) 13...Kf7 14.Ne6 Qb6 15.Be3 Qxe6 16.dxe6+ Kxe6 17.Nc7+;

C5d3) 13...a6 14.Ne6 axb5 *(14...Qb6 15.Be3* '+-' *)* 15.Nxd8 '+-';

C5d4) 13...Rb8 14.Ne6 Qb6 15.Be3 '+-' '+-';

C5d5) 13...g5 14.Qh5+ Ng6 15.Bc7 '+-';

C5d6) 13...Qb6 14.Ne6 Nc5 *(14...g5 15.Be3; 14...Rb8 15.Be3)* 15.Nec7+ Kf7 16.Nxa8 Qd8 17.Rxa7 '+-';

C5d7) 13...Nb6 14.Bxe5 '±'

C5d71) 14...fxe5 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Qxe5 Rg8 *(16...Qxd5 17.Nc7+* '+-'*; 16...Kf7 17.Qxh8 Nxd5 18.Bc4 e6 19.0-0* '+-' *)* 17.Nc7+ Kf7 *(17...Kd7 18.Bb5#)* 18.Nde6 '+-!' Bg7 *(18...Bxe6 19.dxe6#; 18...Nxd5 19.Ng5#; 18...Qd6 19.Ng5#)* 19.Ng5+ Kf8 20.Nxh7+ Kf7 21.Qe6+ Bxe6 22.dxe6# Delgado Caballero,K-Markus,R Riviera Centre, Torquay 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson];

C5d72) 14...Nxd5 '?' 15.Bc4 De la Fuente,A-12 - 5.Ne5 Greek Team Championship 2019 200 Traps In The Opening [Lipeap Boletin 50/ APA Dec 96] '±' Gotham: 'And White is obviously winning.' fxe5 16.Qh5+ g6 17.Qxe5 '+-']

[8...e6 '?!' 9.Nb5 '!'

A) 9...Qe4+? 10.Be3!? Kd8 11.Nf3 Qd5 *(11...a6 12.Ng5 Qg6 13.d5+-)* 12.Be2 a6 13.0-0 Rb8 14.c4 Qd7 15.d5! axb5 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Ne5 Qxd1 18.Rfxd1+ Kc7 19.Nxf7+-;

B) 9...Kd8 10.Nf3

B1) 10...e5 11.Bg5+ f6 12.dxe5 Qxd1+ 13.Rxd1+ Ke7 14.exf6+ gxf6 *(14...Nxf6 15.Nc7 Rb8 16.Bc4 h6 17.Bf4±)* 15.Be3±;

B2) 10...a6 11.Bf4 Qe4+ *(11...Nf6 12.Bd3 Ne8 13.0-0±)* 12.Be3 Be7 13.d5! exd5 *(13...Qxd5 14.Bb6+ Kd7 15.Nc7 Qd6 16.Nxa8+-)* 14.Bd3 Qg4 15.Bb6+ Ke8 16.Nc7+ Kf8 17.h3 Qxg2 *(17...Qh5 18.Nxa8)* 18.Rh2+-;

C) 9...Qd7 10.Bf4 e5 11.dxe5

C1) 11...Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1;

C2) 11...a6 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.0-0-0+ Ke7 14.Nc7 Ra7 *(14...Rb8*

15.Nf3 Bg4 16.Bc4) 15.Be3 b6 16.Bxb6+- Rb7?? 17.Bc5#;
C3) 11...Bc5 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.Nf3 Ke7 14.Nc7 Rb8 15.Ng5 Bf5 *(15...Be6 16.Ngxe6 fxe6 17.Bc4+-; 15...h6 16.Ne4 b6 17.Bb5+-)* 16.Bc4 Nh6 17.e6 f6 18.Nd5+ Kf8 19.Bxb8+-;

D) 9...Bd6 10.Qg4 '!'
D1) 10...Nf6? 11.Qxg7+-;
D2) 10...Bf8? 11.Nc7+;
D3) 10...Kf8? 11.Nxd6+-;
D4) 10...g6 11.Bc4 h5 *(11...e5 12.Bxd5 Bxg4 13.Nxd6+ Kd7 14.Nxf7; 11...Nf6 12.Bxd5 Nxg4 13.Bxc6++-)* 12.Bxd5 hxg4 13.Nxd6+ Ke7 14.Nxc8+ Rxc8 15.Bxc6 Rxc6 16.Rxa7+-;
D5) 10...Nxd4 11.Nxd6+ Qxd6 12.cxd4+-;
D6) 10...Nce7 11.Qxg7 Ng6 12.Nf3 Bb8 *(12...N8e7 13.Ng5+-; 12...Bd7 13.Ng5 0-0-0 14.Bc4!+-)* 13.h4 N8e7 *(13...h5 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Qxh8 Qe4+ 16.Be3+-)* 14.Ng5 Kd7 *(14...Rf8 15.Nxh7+-)* 15.Nxh7 Rxh7 16.Qxh7 Qe4+ 17.Kd1+-;
D7) 10...Nge7 11.Bc4 h5 12.Bxd5 *(12.Qxg7+-)* 12...hxg4 13.Nxd6+ Kd7 14.Nxf7 Rf8 15.Bxc6+;

E) 9...Qd8 10.Bf4 '⇄'
E1) 10...a6? 11.Nc7+ Ke7 12.Nxa8 Nf6 13.Bc7 Qd7 14.Bb6 Nd5 15.c4+-;
E2) 10...Be7? 11.Nc7+ Kf8 12.Nxa8+-;
E3) 10...Nf6? 11.Nc7+ Kd7 *(11...Ke7 12.Nxa8 Nd5 13.Bd2 Bd7 14.c4 Nf6 15.d5!+-)* 12.Nxa8 Nd5 *(12...Bd6 13.Bxd6 Kxd6 14.Nf3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Ke7 16.Nxc6+ Bxc6 17.Rxa7+-)* 13.Bd2 Ke8 14.Bb5 Bd7 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.Rxa7+-;
E4) 10...e5 11.dxe5
E4a) 11...g5? 12.Bxg5! Be7 *(12...Qxg5?? 13.Nc7+ Ke7 14.Qd6#)* 13.Nd6+ Kf8 14.Bf4+-;
E4b) 11...a6? 12.e6!
E4b1) 12...Bxe6 13.Nc7+ Ke7 14.Qf3! Nf6 *(14...Rc8 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Rd1+- Qa5 17.Bd6+ Kd7 18.Qf7+ Be7 19.Be5++-)* 15.Rd1 Qc8 16.Bd6+ Kd7 17.Bxf8+ Kxc7 18.Qf4+ Kb6 19.Bc5+ Kxc5 20.Qe3+ Nd4 21.Qxd4+ Kc6 22.Qd6#;
E4b2) 12...Qxd1+ 13.Kxd1 Rb8 *(13...Ke7 14.Bd6+ Kf6 15.Bxf8 Bxe6 16.Bc5 Nge7 17.Nd4+-)* 14.exf7+ *(14.Nf3!? axb5 15.Bxb5)* 14...Kxf7 15.Bxb8 Nxb8 16.Nd4+-;
E4c) 11...Be7 12.Qxd8+ Bxd8 *(12...Kxd8 13.Nf3 Be6 14.Be2±)* 13.Nd6+ Kf8 14.Bc4 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Nxb7 Nge7 17.Nf3**±**;
E4d) 11...Be6 12.Qxd8+
E4d1) 12...Rxd8 13.Nf3
E4d11) 13...a6? 14.Nc7+ Kd7 15.Nxe6 Kxe6 16.Ng5+!? *(16.Bc4+)* 16...Ke7 17.Bc4 Nh6 18.0-0 Rc8 19.Rfb1 Nd8

20.Bd5+-;

E4d12) 13...Bc5

E4d121) 14.Nc7+ Kd7 15.Nxe6

E4d1211) 15...Kxe6? 16.Bc4+ Kf5 *(16...Ke7 17.Ng5 Nh6 18.Ne4 b6 19.Bg5+ Kd7 20.Nxc5+ bxc5 21.Rd1+ Kc7 22.Bxd8+ Nxd8 23.Rd5 Ne6 24.0-0+-)* 17.g3 Be7 18.Bxf7 Rd3 19.Ke2 Rxc3 20.Ra4 Rc2+ 21.Kd3 Rxf2 22.g4+ Kxg4 23.Bc1+ Kf5 24.Rf4#;

E4d1212) 15...fxe6 16.Bc4 Nge7 17.0-0-0+ Kc7 18.Ng5 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Bxf2 20.Nxe6+ Kc8 21.Rf1 Bb6 22.Re1**±**;

E4d122) 14.Ng5!? Nge7 15.Ne4 Bb6 16.Nbd6+ Kf8 17.Nxb7 Rd5 18.c4! Rd4 19.Nbd6 Ba5+ 20.Rxa5! Nxa5 21.Be3 Rxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxc4 23.Bxc4! Bxc4 24.Nd6 Bd5 25.0-0 h6 26.Rc1 a5 27.Rc7 Be6 28.Ra7 Nc8 *(28...Nc6?? 29.Ra8+)* 29.Rxa5**±** g6 30.Nxc8 Bxc8 31.Bxh6+!;

E4d2) 12...Kxd8 13.Nf3

E4d21) 13...Nge7?! 14.Rd1+ Kc8 15.Nd6+ Kc7 16.Nxf7 Bxf7 17.e6+ Kc8 18.exf7 Ng6 19.Bg3+-;

E4d22) 13...h6 14.Rd1+ Kc8 15.Nfd4 a6 *(15...Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bd5 17.Be2± Bxg2? 18.Bg4+ Kc7 19.e6+ Bd6 20.Nb5+ Kc6 21.Rxd6+ Kxb5 22.Rg1 Bc6 23.exf7 Nf6 24.Be2+ Kb6 25.Rxg7+-)* 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.Rxd6 Nge7 *(18...Kc7 19.Rxe6 Nge7 20.Bc4±; 18...Nd8 19.Bc4 Ne7 20.Kd2±)* 19.Rxe6 a5 20.Bc4 a4 21.Be3 a3 22.Ke2 Ra5 *(22...a2? 23.Ra1+-)* 23.f4 Kc7 24.Rb1 Ra4 25.Ba2 g5 26.Rf6 gxf4 27.Bc5 Re4+ 28.Kf1 Kb8 *(28...Rxe5 29.Bd6++-)* 29.Bxa3+-;

E4d23) 13...a6 14.Ng5 *(14.Be3 Bg4 15.Be2±)*

E4d231) 14...Bb3 15.e6! Nh6 *(15...Bxe6 16.Nc7 Rc8 17.Ncxe6+ fxe6 18.Nf7+ Ke8 19.Nxh8+-)* 16.exf7 Nxf7 17.Nxf7+ Bxf7 18.0-0-0+ Kc8 19.g3 Be6 20.Nc7 g5 21.Nxe6 gxf4 22.Bh3+-;

E4d232) 14...Rc8 15.Rd1+ Ke8 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.Rxd6 Nge7 *(18...Nd8 19.Kd2 Ne7 20.Bd3 Rf8 21.Be3 Nf5 22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.f4±)* 19.Rxe6 Rf8 *(19...Kf7 20.Rd6 Ng6 21.Bc4+ Ke8 22.Be6 Rc7 23.Bg3 Ngxe5 24.0-0±)* 20.Bg5 Rf5 21.f4 h6 22.Bd3 Rf8 23.Bg6+ Kd7 24.Rd6+ Kc7 25.Bxe7 Nxe7 26.0-0**±**;

E4d233) 14...Bc5 15.Nxe6+ fxe6 16.Bc4 Ke7 *(16...Rc8 17.0-0-0+ Ke7 18.Nd6 Bxd6 19.Rxd6 Nxe5 20.Bxe5! Rxc4 21.Rb6+-)* 17.Nc7 Nh6 18.Nxe6! Ba7 19.Bg5+ Kd7 20.Rd1+ Kc8 21.Nxg7 Ng8 22.Be6+ Kb8 23.Rd7+-;

E4d24) 13...Nh6 14.Ng5! Ng4 *(14...a6 15.Nxe6+ fxe6 16.Bc4+-; 14...Bc5 15.h3 Bf5 16.g4 Bg6 17.Bg2 a6 18.0-0+-)* 15.Rd1+ Ke7

16.Nxe6! fxe6 *(16...Kxe6?? 17.Nc7+)* 17.Bg5+ Kf7 18.Rd7+ Kg6 19.f4 Ngxe5 20.Rxb7 Na5 21.Rc7 a6 22.h4! axb5 23.h5+! Kf5 24.g4+! Kxg4 25.Rg1+ Kxh5 26.fxe5 Nc4 27.Be2+ Kg6 28.Bf3+-;

E4d25) 13...Bc5 14.Ng5

E4d251) 14...Ke7 15.Nd6 Bxd6 16.exd6+ Kd7 *(16...Kf6 17.h4 h6 18.Nxe6 Kxe6 19.Bc4+ Kd7 20.f3 Nf6 21.Kf2±)* 17.Ne4 b6 18.Bb5 Bd5 19.Nd2**±**;

E4d252) 14...Nge7 15.Nxe6+ fxe6 16.0-0-0+ Kc8 *(16...Nd5? 17.c4+-)* 17.Bc4 Nd8 18.Rd2 *(18.Nd6+ Kc7 19.Ne4 Ba3+ 20.Kc2 Rf8 21.Be3 Ng6 22.Bd4 Rf5 23.Rhe1±)* 18...a6 19.Nd6+ Kc7 *(19...Bxd6 20.Rxd6 Ng6 21.Bg3 Re8 22.f4 Kc7 23.Rhd1 Nf8 24.f5± exf5? 25.e6+-)* 20.Ne4 Ba3+ 21.Kc2 b5 22.Bb3**±**;

E4e) 11...Qxd1+? 12.Rxd1

E4e1) 12...Rb8 13.Nc7+ Ke7 14.Bc1;

E4e2) 12...Bd7? 13.Nc7+ Kd8 14.Nxa8 Kc8 15.Nc7 Kxc7 16.e6++-;

E4e3) 12...Bg4? 13.Nc7+ Ke7 14.f3 Rc8 *(14...Rd8 15.fxg4+-)* 15.Nd5+ Ke6 16.fxg4+-;

E4e4) 12...Ke7 13.Nc7 Rb8 14.Bc1! f6 *(14...Bg4?? 15.Ba3+ Nb4 16.Bxb4#; 14...Nh6?? 15.Ba3+ Nb4 16.Bxb4#; 14...Be6?? 15.Ba3+ Nb4 16.Bxb4#; 14...Nxe5? 15.Ba3+ Kf6 16.Bxf8 Be6 17.Bc5 Nh6 18.Bd4 Nf5 19.f4+-)* 15.Bc4!? *(15.Ba3+)*

E4e41) 15...Bd7 16.e6 Ne5 *(16...Kd8 17.Rxd7++-)* 17.Nf3+-;

E4e42) 15...fxe5 16.Ba3+ Kf6 17.Bxf8+-;

E4e43) 15...b5! 16.Nxb5 Be6 17.Ba3+ Kf7 18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.Bxe6+ Kxe6 20.Rxd6+ Kxe5 21.Rxc6 Rb1+ *(21...Nh6 22.Nf3+ Kf5 23.Rc5+ Ke6 24.Nd4+ Kf7 25.Rc7+ Kg6 26.0-0+-)* 22.Kd2 Kf5 *(22...Nh6 23.Nf3++-; 22...Rb7 23.Nf3+ Kf5 24.Nd4+ Kg6 25.Rc8+-)* 23.Bc1 Nh6 24.Nf3+- Chapter-Games Game 1]

[8...Qa5 '!?' Gotham: 'Considered the best move.'

A) 9.Nc2!? Qxc3+! 10.Bd2⩲;

B) 9.Bd2 Nf6 *(9...Qd8 10.Nf3⩱)* 10.Nf3⩲;

C) 9.Nf3 Gotham: 'Sneaky!'

C1) 9...Nf6 '!' 10.Bf4

C1a) 10...Nd5 11.Nb5 *(11.Bd2!?⩱)* 11...Qd8 12.Bg3

C1a1) 12...Bg4 13.Bc4 a6 14.Bxd5 axb5 15.Rxa8 Qxa8 16.0-0 e6 17.h3⩲ exd5 *(17...Bh5 18.Be4 Be7 19.d5±)* 18.hxg4 Be7 19.Qb3 Qa3 20.Qxd5 Qxc3 21.Qxb5 0-0 22.Qxb7 Bf6 23.Bd6 Rd8 24.Bc7 Na5 25.Qb6 Ra8 26.d5**±**;

C1a2) 12...a6 13.c4 axb5 14.Rxa8

C1a21) 14...Nb6 15.Ra1 bxc4 16.d5↑ Nb4 *(16...e5!? 17.Bxc4! Bb4+ 18.Kf1 Nxc4 19.dxc6 Qxd1+ 20.Rxd1 bxc6 21.Nxe5⩱)* 17.Bxc4 Nxc4 18.Qa4+ Qd7 19.Qxb4 Qxd5 20.0-0 e6 21.Qc3 b5

22.Rfd1±;
C1a22) 14...bxc4 15.Bxc4 Nb6 *(15...e6?! 16.Bxd5 Bb4+ 17.Nd2 exd5 18.Qe2+ Ne7 19.Qb5+! Nc6 20.0-0 0-0 21.Rd1 Be7 22.Nf1 Bf6 23.Be5±)* 16.Qb3 e6 *(16...Nxa8?? 17.Bxf7+ Kd7 18.Qd5#; 16...Nxc4? 17.Qxc4 e6 18.Ne5! Bb4+ 19.Kf1 Nxe5 20.Qxc8+-)* 17.Rxc8 Nxc8 18.Qxb7 Qd7 19.Ba6 Qxb7 20.Bxb7 Bb4+ 21.Ke2 N8e7 22.Ra1 0-0 23.Ra4±;
C1b) 10...Qd8 11.Bc4;
C2) 9...Qxc3+? 10.Bd2 Qb2 11.Nc4 Qb5 12.Nd6++-;
C3) 9...Bg4
C3a) 10.Be2
C3a1) 10...Nf6 11.0-0 e6 12.Qb3⩱ Qb6 13.Nb5 Be7 14.Bf4 Rc8 15.Rfb1 Nd5 *(15...0-0 16.Nxa7±)* 16.Bg3 0-0 17.c4 Nf6 18.Qd1⩱;
C3a2) 10...Bxf3?! 11.Bxf3 Qxc3+ 12.Bd2 Qxd4 13.0-0
C3a21) 13...Qd7 14.Bxc6! *(14.Nb5!? a6 15.Bf4!⩱)* 14...bxc6 *(14...Qxc6? 15.Rc1 Qa6 16.Qb3 e6 17.Nb5 Bd6 18.Nxd6+ Qxd6 19.Bb4 Qd5 20.Qb2 Nf6 21.Rfd1 Qb5 22.Qc3 Nd5 23.Rxd5! Qxd5 24.Qxg7+-)* 15.Nc4
C3a211) 15...Qc8?! 16.Qa4 Nf6 17.Ne5 e6 *(17...Nd7 18.Nxc6 e6 19.Rfc1 Bd6 20.Bb4+-)* 18.Rfc1 Bd6 19.Rxc6+-;
C3a212) 15...Rc8 16.Ne5 Qc7 17.Qe2 Nf6 18.Rfc1 Qb7 19.Rab1 Qa8 20.Qa6 e6 21.Rxc6 Rxc6 22.Nxc6 Bc5 *(22...Bd6 23.Rb8+!+-)* 23.Rb8+ Qxb8 24.Nxb8 0-0 25.Nc6±;
C3a22) 13...e6 14.Nb5 Qd7 15.Qa4 a6 16.Rfd1 Rc8 17.Bc3 axb5 18.Qxb5 Qc7 19.Ra7 Nge7 *(19...Nf6 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rxb7+-)* 20.Ba5 Qf4 21.Qxb7+- Chapter-Games Game 1;
C3b) 10.Nc2 Qxc3+ 11.Bd2 '!' Qb3 12.Rb1 Qe6+ 13.Ne3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3]

[8...Qe6+ 9.Be3 *(9.Ne2 Nf6 10.Nb5 Qd7 11.d5 Ne5 12.Ned4 Nxd5 13.Qh5 g5 14.Qxg5 f6 15.Qh5+ Kd8 16.Be2±)* 9...Nf6 *(9...Qg6? 10.Nb5 Kd8 11.d5 Ne5 12.Nxa7 Bg4 13.f3 Bf5 14.Nc6+ bxc6 15.Rxa8++-)* 10.Nb5 Qd7 11.d5 Ne5 12.Bf4! Qf5 *(12...Nfg4 13.Qa4 e6 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Rd1 Qc6 17.Nc7+ Ke7 18.Qb4++-)* 13.Qd4 Ng6 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Bg3 Rb8 16.Bd3 Qg4 17.Qxa7 Nd7 18.h3 Qg5 19.Nf3+-]

[8...Be6 9.Nb5 Rc8 *(9...Kd8 10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Ng5! Bg4 12.f3 Bh5 13.c4 Qd7 14.d5±)* 10.c4 *(10.Bf4 a6 11.Nc7+ Rxc7 12.Bxc7 Nf6 13.Qb1±)* 10...Qe4+ 11.Be3 Nb4 *(11...a6 12.Nc3 Qg6 13.d5 Rd8 14.Qb3+-; 11...Bd7 12.Nc3 Qg6 13.Nf3 e6 14.Bd3 Qxg2 15.Rg1 Qh3 16.Rg3 Qh5 17.Rg5 Qh3 18.Bf1 Qh6 19.Rb1 Qf6 20.Rxb7 Bb4 21.Rxb4 Nxb4 22.Ne4 Qe7 23.Bf4!)* 12.Qa4 Nc2+ 13.Kd2 Bd7 14.Qxc2 Qxc2+ 15.Kxc2 Bxb5 16.Rxa7 Bxc4 17.Bxc4 Rxc4+ 18.Kd3 Rc8 19.Nf3↑ e6
A) 20.Rxb7 Nf6 *(20...Bd6! 21.Ng5 Ne7 22.Ne4 Rd8 23.Rc1!±)* 21.Rc1 Rxc1 22.Bxc1 Be7 23.Ne5+-;

B) 20.Rc1 Rd8 21.Rxb7 Ba3 22.Ra1! Bd6 23.Ng5 Ne7 *(23...Nh6 24.Ne4 0-0 25.Bg5 f6 26.Bxh6 gxh6 27.Raa7+-)* 24.Ne4 Nc6 25.Rb6 Nb4+ *(25...Kd7 26.Nxd6 Kxd6 27.Rc1 Rc8 28.Bf4++-)* 26.Kc4 Rc8+! 27.Kb3 Be7 28.Rxb4±]

[8...g6 9.Nb5

A) 9...Qe4+ 10.Be3 Rb8 11.d5! Bg4 *(11...Ne5 12.Ra4 Qf5 13.Bxa7+-)* 12.Qa4! Qxa4 13.Rxa4±;

B) 9...Kd8 10.Be2 Bg7 *(10...Qxg2 11.Bf3 Bg4 12.Bxg2 Bxd1 13.Kxd1+-)* 11.c4 Qd7 12.Nf3±;

C) 9...Qd8 10.Bf4 *(10.Nf3!? Bg7 11.Bf4±)* 10...e5 11.dxe5 Be6 *(11...Qxd1+? 12.Rxd1 Ke7 13.Bg5+ f6 14.exf6+ Nxf6 15.Nc7 Rb8 16.Nd5++-)* 12.Nf3 *(12.Qa4 a6 13.Nf3± Rc8 14.Na7! Rc7 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.Bxa6!±)* 12...a6 13.Qxd8+ *(13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.exd6 Nf6 15.Be2±)* 13...Rxd8 14.Nc7+ Kd7 15.Nxe6 Kxe6 16.Ng5+ Ke7 17.Bc4 Nh6 18.Ne4±;

D) 9...Qd7 10.Bf4 e5 11.dxe5 Rb8 *(11...Qxd1+* '?' *12.Rxd1 Ke7 13.Bg5+ f6 14.exf6+ Nxf6 15.Nc7 Rb8 16.Nd5+* '+-' *Kf7 17.Bxf6+-)* 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 *(12...Bxd7 13.e6 fxe6 14.Bxb8 Nxb8 15.Rxa7±)* 13.0-0-0+ Ke7 14.Bg5+ f6 15.exf6+ Nxf6 16.Bc4 Bg7 17.Nf3 Re8 18.Bf4+-]

[8...Qd8 9.d5!

A) 9...Nb8 10.Nb5 Bd7 *(10...a6 11.Bf4+-)* 11.Bf4 Bxb5 12.Bxb5+ Nd7 13.Nf3± a6 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 15.Ne5 Qc8 16.0-0 Nf6 17.Re1 g6 18.Qa4+! b5 19.Qd4 Bg7 20.Nc6+-;

B) 9...Ne5 10.Qd4

B1) 10...Ng4? 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Qxg4+-;

B2) 10...f6 11.Nc4 e6 *(11...Nxc4 12.Bxc4 g6 13.Nf3⩱)* 12.Nb6±;

B3) 10...Ng6 11.Nb5 Bd7 *(11...e6 12.d6+-; 11...e5 12.Qc4+-; 11...a6 12.Qc5 e6 13.d6 Kd7 14.Nf3 f6 15.Bc4+-)* 12.Qe3! e6 13.d6 Rc8 14.Rxa7 Bc6 15.Nc7+ Rxc7 16.dxc7 Qxc7 17.Ra8+ Kd7 18.Nf3±;

C) 9...Na5 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.Nb5 b6 12.Qe4 Nb7 13.Bf4 Nf6 14.Qe5 Bxb5 15.Bxb5+ Nd7 16.Nf3 a6 17.Bc6 Na5 18.Rxa5! bxa5 19.0-0 Rc8 20.Qe2+-]

9.Nb5

[9.Nc4 '!?'

A) 9...e5?! 10.Ne3

A1) 10...Qd7 11.d5↑

A1a) 11...Nce7 12.Nf3 f6 13.Qb3 Qc8 14.d6 Nc6 *(14...Be6 15.Bc4 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 Nc6 17.0-0 Rb8 18.Rd1 Qd7 19.Rxa7! Nxa7 20.Ncxe5! fxe5 21.Nxe5+-)* 15.Nxf5 Qxf5 16.Bc4+-;

A1b) 11...0-0-0 12.dxc6 Qxc6 13.Qb3±;

A2) 10...Qe4 11.d5 Nce7 *(11...Nb8 12.h4!! Bc5 13.f3 Qf4 14.Ne2 Qh6 15.Nxf5+-)* 12.Ra4 Qb1 13.Rb4 Qa1 *(13...Qa2 14.Bc4 Qa1 15.Nxf5 Nxf5 16.Bb5+ Kd8 17.Bg5++-)* 14.Nxf5 Nxf5 15.Bb5+ Kd8 16.Bg5+ '+-' f6 17.Qxa1+-;

B) 9...Qe4+?! 10.Ne3
B1) 10...Nf6 11.f3;
B2) 10...e6 11.Ne2 *(11.Nf3!? Nf6 12.Qb3±; 11.Qb3!? Rb8 12.Ne2±)*
B2a) 11...Bd6 12.Ng3 Qh4 *(12...Bxg3 13.hxg3+-)* 13.d5 Bxg3 *(13...Ne5 14.Bb5++-)* 14.fxg3 Qf6 15.dxc6 bxc6 *(15...Qxc3+? 16.Bd2 Qxc6 17.Qb3+-)* 16.Nc4!+-;
B2b) 11...Bg6 12.h4
B2b1) 12...Qd3 13.Qb3 0-0-0 14.h5! Bf5 15.Qb2 Nf6 16.Ng3 Qxc3+ 17.Qxc3 Bb4 18.Qxb4 Nxb4 19.Rxa7 Nd3+ 20.Bxd3 Bxd3 21.Bb2+-;
B2b2) 12...Bh5 13.f3 Bxf3 *(13...Qg6 14.g4 Qf6 15.gxh5 Qxf3 16.Bg2 Qxh5 17.Qb3)* 14.gxf3 Qxf3 15.Bg2 Qh5 16.Qb3 Nge7 17.Qxb7 *(17.Nf4 Qh6 18.Ng4+-)* 17...Rc8 18.Bxc6+ *(18.Nf4 Qh6 19.Ng4)* 18...Rxc6 19.Rxa7+-;
B2b3) 12...h6 13.Qb3
B2b31) 13...Rb8 14.f3 Qd3 15.Nf4 Nxd4 *(15...Qxc3+ 16.Qxc3 Bb4 17.Qxb4 Nxb4 18.Bb5+ Nc6 19.Nxg6 fxg6 20.Bxc6+ bxc6 21.Rxa7+-)* 16.Qb2 Nc2+ 17.Kf2 Qd6 18.Bb5+ Kd8 19.Nxg6 Nxa1 *(19...fxg6 20.Qxc2+-)* 20.Nxh8+-;
B2b32) 13...0-0-0 14.f3 Qd3 15.Nf4 Qxc3+ *(15...Nxd4 16.Qb2 Nc2+ 17.Kf2 Qd6 18.Rxa7 Qc6 19.Nxg6 fxg6 20.Qxc2+-)* 16.Qxc3 Bb4 17.Qxb4 Nxb4 18.Rxa7+-;
B2b33) 13...Nf6? 14.f3 Qd3 15.Qxb7+-;
B2b4) 12...Bd6 13.h5 Bf5 14.Ng3 *(14.f3 Qd3 15.Bd2 Qb5 16.c4±)* 14...Bxg3 15.fxg3 Nf6 16.Rh4 Bg4 17.Qd2 Ne5 18.Bb5+ Ned7 19.Bd3+-;
B3) 10...Rd8 11.Nf3;
B4) 10...Bd7 11.Nf3 Nf6 12.Be2!? e6 *(12...Nd5 13.Ng5 Nxe3 14.Bxe3 Qd5 15.0-0 h6 16.c4 Qd6 17.Ne4±)* 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bd3! Qf4 15.Nf5 Qc7 16.Nxg7+ Kd8 17.Ng5 Rf8 18.Nh5**±**;
C) 9...Rd8 10.Ne3
C1) 10...Qe4 11.Nf3 Nf6 12.Ng5 Qf4 13.Nxf5 Qxf5 14.Qb3 Ne4! *(14...e6? 15.Qxb7)* 15.Be3 Nxg5 16.Qxb7 Qc8 *(16...Nb8 17.Bb5+ Nd7 18.Bxg5 Qxg5 19.Bxd7+ Rxd7 20.Qc8+ Rd8 21.Qc6+ Rd7 22.Rxa7+-)* 17.Qxc8 Rxc8 18.Bxg5**±**;
C2) 10...Qd7 11.d5 Nb8 12.Rxa7 Nf6 13.Qb3 Nxd5 *(13...Qc8 14.Nxf5 Qxf5 15.Bb5+ Nbd7 16.Nf3+-)* 14.Bc4! e6 15.Rxb7 Nxe3 16.Rxd7 Nc2+ 17.Ke2 Nxd7 18.Qa4! Be7 19.Bb5 e5 20.g4 Bg6 21.Nf3+-;
D) 9...Bg6
D1) 10.Ne3
D1a) 10...Qd8 11.d5 Nb8 *(11...Ne5? 12.f4 Nd7 13.f5+-)* 12.h4;
D1b) 10...Qe4 11.d5 Rd8 *(11...Ne5 12.Bb5+ Nd7 13.Bxd7+ Kxd7 14.Nf3; 11...Nb8 12.Bb5+ Nd7 13.Bxd7+ Kxd7 14.Nf3)* 12.Qb3 Ne5

13.Bb5+ Nd7 14.Bxd7+ Rxd7 15.Rxa7 f6 16.Qb5 Bf5 17.Rxb7+-;

D2) 10.Be2!? Qd8 *(10...Qxg2? 11.Bf3 Be4 12.Bxg2 Bxg2 13.Qb3+-)* 11.d5 Nb8 12.Qa4+ Nd7 *(12...Qd7? 13.Nb6 Qxa4 14.Rxa4+-)* 13.Ne5 Ngf6 14.Ngf3 a6 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.0-0**±**;

E) 9...0-0-0 10.Ne3

E1) 10...Qe4 11.f3 Qe6 12.d5 Qe5 13.Qb3 Rxd5 *(13...Nb8 14.Rxa7+-)* 14.f4 *(14.Qxd5? Qxc3+)* 14...Qf6 15.Nxd5 Qe6+ 16.Kf2 Nf6 17.Bc4 Ne4+ 18.Kf1 Qd6 19.Nf3 e6 20.Nb4+-;

E2) 10...Qd7

E2a) 11.d5 Nb8! 12.Rxa7?! *(12.Ra4 b5 13.Rd4↑)* 12...e6 13.Nc4 Bc5 14.Ra5 Qxd5 15.Nb6+ Bxb6 16.Rxd5 Rxd5**∞**;

E2b) 11.Bb5

E2b1) 11...Be4 12.f3 Bd5 13.Rxa7 Nf6 14.c4 Bxc4 15.Ra8+ Kc7 16.Rxd8 Qxd8 17.Nxc4 Qxd4 *(17...Nxd4? 18.Bf4+ Kc8 19.Qa4 Nxb5 20.Qxb5+-)* 18.Qa4+-;

E2b2) 11...Kb8 12.Qa4 e6 13.Nf3 Bd6 14.Nxf5 exf5 15.d5 Qe7+ 16.Kf1 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Qxa7+ Kc7 19.Ra6+-;

E2b3) 11...a6 12.Bxc6 Qxc6 *(12...bxc6 13.Rxa6 e5 14.Qa4)* 13.Nxf5 Qxg2 14.Qf3 Qxf3 15.Nxf3+-;

E2b4) 11...e6 12.Rxa7 Bd6 *(12...Kb8 13.Qa4+-)* 13.Nf3 Nge7 14.0-0**±**;

F) 9...Qd8 10.d5 Nb8 11.Ne3!?

F1) 11...Bg6 12.h4!? h6 *(12...Nf6 13.h5 Nxh5 14.Rxh5 Bxh5 15.Qxh5 a6 16.Nc4 Nd7 17.Qe2 Qc7 18.Ba3 0-0-0 19.Bb4+-)* 13.Bb5+ Nd7 14.Nf3 a6 *(14...Ngf6 15.Ne5 Bh7 16.Nxd7! Nxd7 17.Nc4 a6 18.Qe2 Qb8 19.Nb6+-)* 15.Bxd7+ Qxd7 16.Ne5**±**

F1a) 16...Qc8 17.N3c4! *(17.Nxg6 fxg6 18.Qd3 Kf7 19.Rh3 Nf6 20.Kf1 e6 21.Rf3 Bc5 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.d6±)* 17...b5 18.0-0! bxc4 19.Qa4+ Kd8 20.Be3 Qc7 21.Bb6+-;

F1b) 16...Qd6 17.Qa4+ Kd8 *(17...b5 18.Qxb5+! axb5 19.Rxa8+ Qd8 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8 21.h5+-)* 18.N3c4 Qxd5 19.Nxg6 Qxg2 20.Nb6 Qxh1+ 21.Ke2 Qc6 22.Nxh8 Rb8 23.Bf4+-;

F2) 11...Bc8 12.Bb5+

F2a) 12...Nd7 13.Nc4 a6 14.Qe2 Qc7 15.Nh3 Ra7 *(15...Ngf6? 16.Bf4)* 16.d6!? *(16.Bf4? axb5)* 16...Qc5 17.Bxd7+ Bxd7 18.Ba3 Qc6 19.0-0+-;

F2b) 12...Bd7 13.Bd3 g6 14.Nf3 Bg7 15.0-0

F2b1) 15...Bxc3 16.Rb1 Bg7 *(16...Qc7 17.Qc2 Ba5 18.Nc4 Nf6 19.d6! exd6 20.Rxb7+-; 16...b6 17.d6! e6 18.Be4 Bc6 19.Bxc6+ Nxc6 20.Qc2+-)* 17.Rxb7 Nf6 18.Ba3 0-0 19.Qb3**±**;

F2b2) 15...Nf6 16.Qb3 b6 17.Nc4 b5 18.Nce5 0-0 19.Re1**⩲** a5 20.Ba3 Na6?! 21.Nxd7 Qxd7 22.Bxb5**±**;

G) 9...Nf6 10.Ne3

G1) 10...Qe4
G1a) 11.d5 Rd8! 12.Ra4 Rxd5 *(12...Qb1 13.Bc4 b5 14.Ba2 Qd3 15.Qxd3 Bxd3 16.Ra6 Ne5∞)* 13.Qb3 Qb1 14.Qxb1 Bxb1 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Ra3 Be4∞;
G1b) 11.f3 Qh4+ *(11...Qe6 12.d5 Nxd5 13.Qxd5 Qxd5 14.Nxd5±)* 12.g3 Qh5 *(12...Qg5 13.Nd5 Qg6 14.Nc7++-)* 13.h4! Qg6 *(13...Bd7 14.g4 Nxg4 15.fxg4 Qg6 16.Bd3 Qd6 17.Ne2+-)* 14.g4
G1b1) 14...Bd7 15.Bd3 Qh6 16.Nf5 *(16.g5!? Qh5 17.Nf1)* 16...Qg6 17.Ng3 Ne4 18.Bxe4+-;
G1b2) 14...Bxg4 15.fxg4 Nd5 16.Bd3 Nxe3 17.Bxe3 Qd6 18.Qf3+-;
G1b3) 14...Nxg4 15.fxg4 Be4 16.Nf3 0-0-0 *(16...h5 17.Rg1+-)* 17.h5 Qf6 18.Bg2+-;
G2) 10...Qd7 11.d5
G2a) 11...Nb8 12.Qb3 Qc8 *(12...a6? 13.Bb5+-)* 13.Ra4! '!?' Bg6 *(13...Na6? 14.Nxf5 Qxf5 15.Qxb7+-; 13...g6 14.g4 Bd7 15.Rc4 Qd8 16.Qxb7+-)* 14.f4 h6 *(14...e6 15.Bb5+ Kd8 16.Ne2 exd5 17.0-0 Bc5 18.Kh1±)* 15.Rc4 Qd8 *(15...Qd7 16.Nf3 b5 17.Rd4+-)* 16.Nf3 Nbd7 17.Ne5 Bh7 18.Be2 b6 19.0-0± Nc5?? 20.Rxc5 bxc5 21.Bb5++-;
G2b) 11...Ne5 12.Qd4
G2b1) 12...Ng6? 13.Rxa7
G2b11) 13...Rb8 14.Nxf5 Qxf5 15.Bb5+ Kd8 16.Qb6+ Kc8 17.Ne2 Qe4 *(17...Qxd5 18.Ra4! Ne5 19.Bf4+-; 17...Nxd5 18.Qc5+ Kd8 19.c4 e6 20.Qd4 Bb4+ 21.Kf1 Ke7 22.cxd5 Bd6 23.g3+-)* 18.Bc6+-;
G2b12) 13...Rxa7 14.Qxa7 Nxd5 15.Qa8+ Qd8 16.Bb5+ Bd7 17.Bxd7+ Kxd7 18.Qxd8+ Kxd8 19.Nxd5+-;
G2b2) 12...Nfg4 13.Nxf5 Qxf5 14.Bb5+
G2b21) 14...Nd7 15.Rxa7 Rxa7 16.Qxa7± e6?? 17.Qb8+ Ke7 18.d6+ Kf6 19.Qd8+ Kg6 *(19...Ke5 20.Nf3+ Kd5 21.Qxd7+-)* 20.Bd3 Qxd3 21.Qg5#;
G2b22) 14...Kd8 15.Rxa7 *(15.Ne2±)* 15...Rxa7 16.Qxa7 Kc7 17.Ne2 e6 18.h3 Nf6 19.Qa5+ Kc8 *(19...Kb8?? 20.Qd8+ Ka7 21.Be3++-)* 20.Qa8+ Kc7 21.d6+! Bxd6 *(21...Kxd6 22.Qd8+ Kc5 23.Qa5+-)* 22.Qxh8 Ne4 23.f4!+-;
G2b3) 12...Neg4 13.Nxf5 Qxf5 14.Bb5+ Kd8 *(14...Nd7 15.Rxa7 Rxa7 16.Qxa7 f6 17.Ne2 Kf7 18.0-0+- Qxd5 19.Qa4! Nb6 20.Be8+)* 15.Rxa7 Rxa7 *(15...Rb8 16.Ne2 Qxd5 17.Qb6+ Kc8 18.Ra4! Ne5 19.Bf4* '+-' *Qd6 20.Qa5 b6 21.Qa7 e6 22.Rd4+-)* 16.Qxa7
G2b31) 16...Qxd5?? 17.Qb8#;
G2b32) 16...Kc8 17.Qa8+ Kc7 18.Qa5+ Kb8 19.Qd8+ Ka7 20.f3 Qxd5 *(20...Ne5?? 21.Be3+ b6 22.Qxb6+ Ka8 23.Qa7#)* 21.Qxd5 Nxd5 22.fxg4 Nxc3 23.Be3+ Kb8 24.Bc4+-;

G2b33) 16...Nxd5 17.Nf3 Qc8 *(17...e5 18.Qxb7 Nc7 19.0-0+-)* 18.Ng5! *(18.0-0)* 18...Qxc3+ 19.Bd2 Qe5+ 20.Be2 Nh6 21.Qa5+ Kc8 22.0-0 Qxe2 23.Rc1+ Kb8 24.Qxd5+-;

H) 9...e6 10.Ne3 '**±**'

H1) 10...Qd8? 11.d5 Ne5 12.Nxf5 exf5 13.Bb5+ Nd7 14.d6**±** Ngf6 *(14...a6? 15.Qe2+ Ne7 16.Ba4+-)* 15.Nf3 Ne4 16.Ne5! Bxd6 17.Bxd7+ Kf8 *(17...Ke7 18.Qd5 Bxe5 19.Qxe5+ Kxd7 20.Qxf5+ Kc7 21.Bf4++-)* 18.Bxf5 Bxe5 19.Bxe4 Bxc3+ 20.Bd2! Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qe7 *(21...Qe8 22.f3 f5 23.0-0)* 22.Qb1 Kg8 23.0-0 h5 24.Re1 Qd7 25.Qxb7 Qxb7 26.Bxb7+-;

H2) 10...Qd7

H2a) 11.Nf3

H2a1) 11...Bg6 12.Bb5

H2a11) 12...Nge7 13.c4 *(13.Ne5!? Qc7 14.0-0)* 13...a6 *(13...0-0-0? 14.Rxa7)* 14.0-0 Be4 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Bb2 Rd8 *(16...Ng6 17.Qg4±)* 17.Ba4 f6 18.Qh5+ g6 19.Qh4**±**;

H2a12) 12...Be7 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.Qf3 Rc8 15.0-0! *(15.Rxa7 Qb6 16.Rxb7 Qxb7 17.Bxc6+ Rxc6 18.Qxc6+ Qxc6 19.Nxc6±)* 15...Nf6 16.Rxa7 Be4 *(16...Qb6 17.Bxc6+ bxc6 18.Rxe7+ Kxe7 19.Ba3+ Kd8 20.N3c4±)* 17.Qg3 0-0 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Qxc7 Rxc7 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 21.Rxb7**±**;

H2a13) 12...Bd6 13.c4 Nf6 14.d5**±**;

H2a2) 11...Nf6 12.Bb5 *(12.Nxf5 exf5 13.Bd3 Bd6)*

H2a21) 12...Bg4?! 13.Nxg4 Nxg4 14.h3 Nf6 15.Ne5 Qd5 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.0-0**±** Bd6 *(17...Nd7 18.c4 Qd6 19.Bf4±)* 18.c4 Qe4 19.Re1 Qh4 20.Nxc6 0-0 *(20...a5? 21.c5 Bc7 22.d5+-)* 21.Ra6**±**;

H2a22) 12...Be4 13.Ne5 Qc8 14.Qa4 a6 15.d5! *(15.f3 Bd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5= 17.Nxc6? Nxc3!-+)* 15...Bxd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 *(16...exd5? 17.Nxc6+-)* 17.Nxc6 Nc7! *(17...Nxc3? 18.Nd4+ Kd8 19.Bg5+ f6 20.Qa5+ Ke7 21.Be3±)* 18.Be2 bxc6 19.Bf3 Nd5 20.c4 Nb4 21.0-0 a5 22.Ba3 Rb8 23.Bb2⩲;

H2a23) 12...Bd6? 13.Nxf5 exf5 14.d5**±**;

H2a3) 11...Be4 12.Bb5 *(12.Nd2!? Bg6 13.h4 h6 14.Bb5 a6 15.Ndc4 Qc7 16.0-0 Nf6 17.Ng4⩲)*

H2a31) 12...Qc7 13.d5!? exd5 *(13...0-0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qd4 cxd5 16.Rxa7 Qc5 17.Qa4+-)* 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Qxd5 Bd6 16.0-0 Nge7 17.Qh5⩲ 0-0 *(17...h6 18.Ra4↑)* 18.Bd3 g6 19.Qh6 f6 20.Ra4↑;

H2a32) 12...a6 13.0-0 Nf6 14.Ne5 Qc7 15.f3 Rd8 *(15...0-0-0 16.fxe4 Nxe5 17.Bxa6! bxa6 18.Rxa6 Nc6 19.Qa4 Nb8 20.Ra7 Qc6 21.Nc4! Rd7 22.Qxc6+ Nxc6 23.Nb6+ Kd8 24.Ra8+ Kc7 25.Nxd7 Kxd7 26.Be3±)* 16.fxe4 axb5 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.e5 Ne4

(18...Nd7 19.Qh5 g6 20.Qe2!↑) 19.Qh5 Qc7 20.Kh1!? *(20.d5 Bc5 21.d6 Qd7 22.Qg4 Nxc3 23.Qxg7 Rf8 24.Qxh7±)* 20...Qd7 *(20...Qxc3?? 21.Qxf7#; 20...Nxc3?! 21.d5!)* 21.Bb2 Rc8 22.Rf4 Nxc3? 23.Bxc3 Rxc3 24.Rxf7! Qxf7 *(24...g6 25.Qf3 Qxf7 26.Ra8+ Ke7 27.Qxb7+)* 25.Ra8+ Ke7 26.Qh4+ Kd7 27.Qd8+ Kc6 28.Rc8++-;

H2b) 11.Nxf5 exf5 12.Nf3 '**±**']

9...Rc8 ChessBase II: '!' '!'

[9...-- 10.Nc7+]

[9...Qd8 10.d5

A) 10...a6 11.dxc6 axb5 12.cxb7 Qxd1+ 13.Kxd1 Rd8+ 14.Bd3!!+- Bxd3 *(14...Rxd3+ 15.Ke2 Rd8 16.Ra8+-; 14...e6 15.Bf4 Be4 16.b8Q Rxb8 17.Bxe4+-)* 15.Ra8+-;

B) 10...Ne5 11.Nf3 Nxf3+ *(11...Ng6 12.h4 h5 13.Nbd4± Bd7 14.Bd3 Qc7 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Qd3 Bf5 17.Nxf5 gxf5 18.0-0+-)* 12.Qxf3 Bd7 *(12...g6 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Nxa7 Ra8 15.Bb5+ Bd7 16.0-0+-)* 13.d6 *(13.Qe3; 13.Bc4; 13.Bf4)*]

[9...Kd8?! 10.Nf3 e6 11.Be2 Nf6 *(11...a6 12.0-0±)* 12.0-0 a6 13.c4 Qd7 14.Qb3**±**]

[9...0-0-0?! 10.Nxa7+ Nxa7 11.Rxa7**±** e5 12.Nf3 Nf6 *(12...exd4? 13.Nxd4 Bc5? 14.Ra8+ Kd7 15.Bb5++-)* 13.Be2 exd4 14.Nxd4 Bd6 15.0-0**±**]

[9...Qd7?! 10.d5 Nd8 *(10...Ne5 11.Bf4 f6 12.Bxe5 fxe5 13.Qa4 Rc8 14.Nf3+-; 10...Rd8 11.Qb3 Ne5 12.Bf4 f6 13.Bxe5 fxe5 14.Nf3+-; 10...a6? 11.dxc6 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 0-0-0+ 13.Ke1 axb5 14.Ra8+ Kc7 15.cxb7+-)* 11.Nxa7 *(11.Nf3!? f6 12.Nfd4±)* 11...Rxa7 12.Rxa7 Nf6 13.Nf3 Qxd5 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 15.Ra5 e6 16.Bb5+ Ke7 17.Ra8**±**]

10.Nxa7 Sicilian Defens: 'After a brief skirmish, Magnus recoups his sacrificed pawn.'

10...Nxa7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: '?!" Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Judit plays a dangerous line, but in the critical position even avoids the main defence 10...e5 that has yet to be refuted. White has a dangerous initiative for the pawn, but can he aspire to more than the equality?'

[10...Ra8 11.Nb5!**±**]

11.Rxa7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'N' 11...e5 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: '?!" '!?' '!?'

[11...Nf6 12.Nf3 g6 13.c4 Qe4+ 14.Be2 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-' Bg7 15.0-0 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-' 0-0 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '?' 16.Ne5 Sam Collins: '**±**' Sam Collins: 'was excellent for White in E.Berg - T.Andersson, Borlange 2014 (1-0 in 36). Berg is a GM who likes to mix strong preparation in the Open Sicilian with occasional sidelines, including 2.a3 and the Morra Gambit.' '**±**']

[11...Rxc3?! 12.Qa4+ Kd8 13.Bd2]

12.Nf3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!?' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Carlsen is uncorking a dangerous idea, that would be challenging enough without the limitations of the blindfold game..'

12...exd4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '?!' Gotham: 'and now we will improve on Magnus's play with' 13.Nxd4 Sam Collins: '?' '**±**'

[13.Qxd4 Sam Collins: '!' Nf6 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 '⩲' 15.Bb5+ Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-' '??' Kd8 '+-' *(15...Bd7 16.Bxd7+ Kxd7 17.0-0 Kc6 18.Bd2⩲)* 16.Rxb7 '⇄!' Nxc3 '?!' 17.0-0 Sam Collins: '±' Sam Collins: 'is surprisingly unpleasant for Black, but Carlsen prefers to press his advantage in the middlegame.' '±' Nxb5 18.Rxb5 '!' Be6 19.Ng5 Be7 20.Nxe6+ fxe6 21.Bb2 Rg8 22.Rb6 Ke8 23.Rxe6 '!' Kf7]

13...Bd7 '!' 14.Nb5 Sam Collins: '?' Sam Collins: 'This doesn't work, as is easy to determine with unlimited time and computer assistance.'

[14.Qe2+ Be7 15.Qe3 Nf6 16.Be2 0-0 17.Qxe7 Rce8 18.Qb4 Qxg2 19.Rf1 Bh3 20.Be3 Nd5⩱]

14...Qxd1+ Ftacnik,Lubomir: '?' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: '??" Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Polgar feels, that developing the bishop from c8 is imperative, but unfortunately it is too slow. Suddenly the black queen is cut off from the kingside and White will just win.'

[Sam Collins: 'After' 14...Nf6 Sam Collins: 'Black is more than fine.']

15.Kxd1 Bc6 Sam Collins: '?'

[15...Bc5 Sam Collins: '!' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-' 16.Rxb7 Nf6 Sam Collins: '=']

16.Bd3

[16.Nd4 Sam Collins: '⩲!']

16...Bc5 17.Re1+ Ne7 18.Ba3 Bxa3

[18...Bxa7 19.Rxe7+ Kd8 20.Nxa7 Rc7 21.Nxc6+ bxc6 22.Re4+- +3.00.]

19.Rxa3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' Sicilian Defens: '⩲' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Black has grabbed three pawns, but her position is completely hopeless.' 19...Rd8

[19...-- 20.Nd6+]

20.Nd4 Kd7

[20...Bxg2 21.Rg1]

21.Ra7 Rhe8

[21...Nc8 Sam Collins: '=!']

22.Kc2 Kc7 23.Rb1 Rb8 24.f3 Sam Collins: '⩲' Sam Collins: 'Carlsen has an advantage and Inarkiev's next move is a blunder.' 24...Nd5 Sam Collins: '??'

25.Nxc6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: '!?" Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Carlsen is enjoying himself and tries to win with an impressive attack.' 25...Kxc6

26.Bb5+ Kb6 27.Rxb7+ Sam Collins: '!' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' Sicilian Defens: '±' Sicilian Defens: '+1.50. At this point, Inarkiev played the illegal 27...Ne3+. Carlsen might have won instantly by claiming the illegal move, but instead he instinctively moved his king out of danger with 28.Kd3. At this point, Inarkiev stopped the clocks and claimed victory on the basis that Carlsen made an illegal move. The initial arbiter at first awarded Inarkiev the win, but Carlsen alerted the chief arbiter, who overruled the first arbiter, and gave Inarkiev the option of resuming the game from the position arising after Carlsen⇗s 28.Kd3. Inarkiev refused to play and Carlsen was awarded the win. Inarkiev appealed the chief arbiter⇗s decision, but his claim was rejected by the appeal board and Carlsen⇗s win stood.' 1-0 Molina,Roberto Junio Brito-Jimenez G,Gustavo/DEM 66 Binz 1994

[Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: 'Strictly speaking, the strongest move is" 27.Rxb7+ Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: '!"

A) 27...Kxb7 28.Bxe8+ Kc7 29.Rxb8 Kxb8 30.Kd2! *(30.g3!?; 30.Bxf7 Ne3+ 31.Kd3 Nxg2±)* 30...f6 31.c4 Nf4 32.g3**±** +1.30.;

B) 27...Rxb7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten' 28.Bxe8+ Ftacnik,Lubomir: ', though the text move is more than adequate as well.' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: 'After" 28...Kc7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: '!' Hansen, Carsten: 'it is immediate curtains" 29.Rxb7+ Kxb7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '+-' Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten: ', and Black doesn't have anything better than" 30.Bxf7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Hansen, Carsten' *(30.g3!? Ne3+ 31.Kd2 Nf1+ 32.Ke2 Nxh2 33.Bxf7 Kb6 34.Kf2 Kc5 35.Kg2+-)* 30...Ne3+ 31.Kd3 Nxg2 32.c4 Sam Collins: '+-' Sam Collins: 'is not worth playing against Carlsen at any time control. Of course, in the actual game Black played the illegal 27...Ne3+ followed by Carlsen playing an illegal white king move, but this is of little relevance to the opening!']